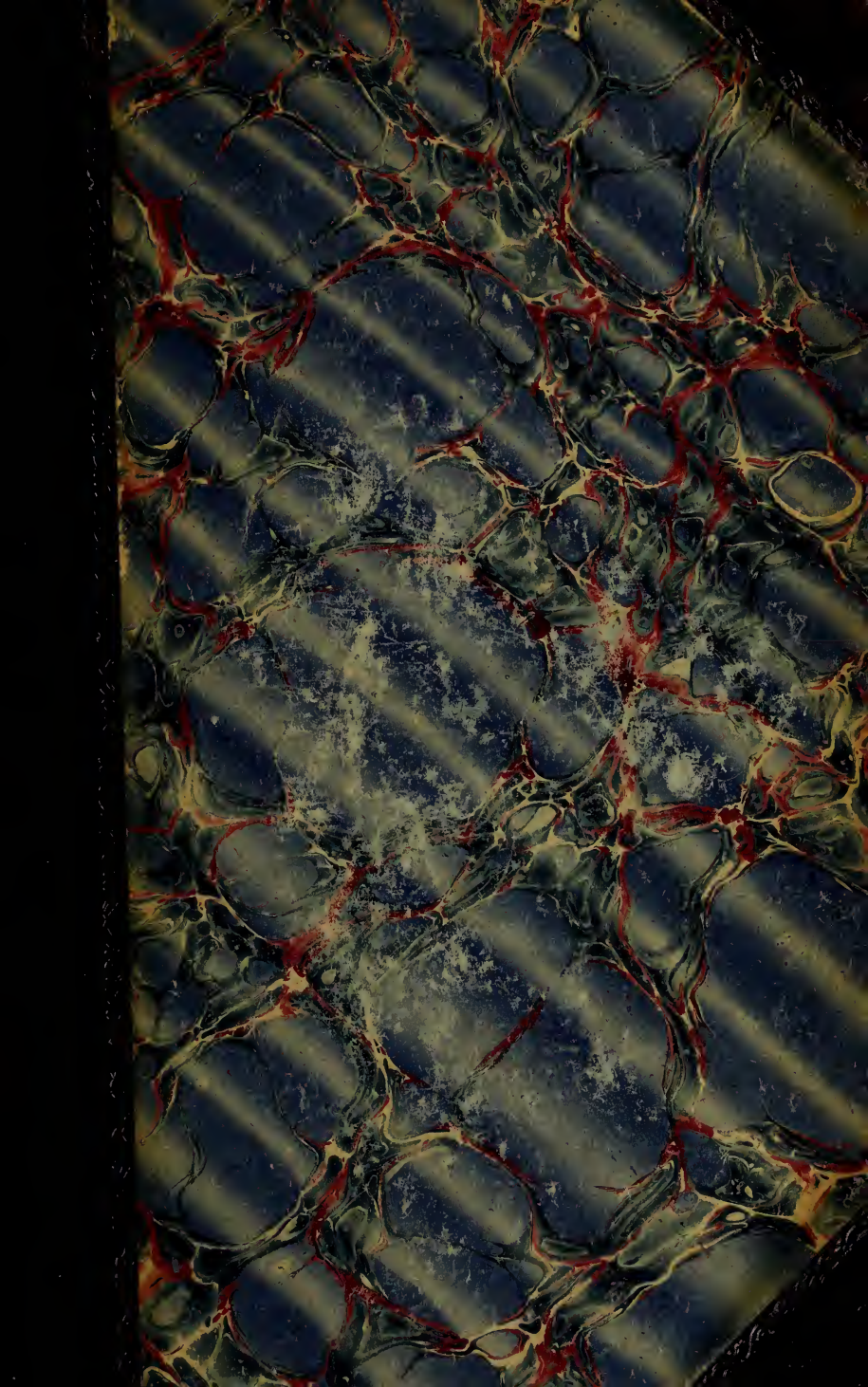






1885.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

GRAND CHAPTER

—OF—

Royal Arch Masons

OF CANADA,

—AT ITS—

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

—HELD IN THE—

Masonic Hall, James Street,
City of Hamilton,



Friday, July 10th, A. D. 1885,
A. I. 2415, A. L., 5885.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL CHAPTERS AND PRESERVED.

ADDRESS—THOMAS SARGANT, TORONTO, ONT., GRAND Z.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty.eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, James street, in the City of Hamilton, on Friday, the 10th day of July, A. D., 1885. A. I., 2415

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. Ex. Comp.	HENRY MACPHERSON,	Grand Z.	} Grand Council, on the Throne.
R. " "	Thomas Sargent,	" H.	
R. " "	Robert Hendry, jr.,	" J.	
R. " "	David McLellan,	Grand Scribe E.	
R. " "	Otto Klotz,	" " N.	
R. " "	Richard Radcliffe,	" Prin. Soj.	
R. " "	Edward Mitchell,	" Treasurer.	
R. " "	William Waddington, jr.,	" Registrar.	
" "	Philip J. Slatter,	as 1st Asst. Soj.	
V. " "	Jas. D. Christie,	" 2nd "	
" "	H Bickford,	as Sword Bearer.	
V. " "	Wm. Panton,	as M. of Veils.	
V. " "	I. Baker,	as Stan'd Bearer.	
V. " "	Thos. L. M. Tipton	as Dir. of Cer.	
V. " "	J. B. Traves,	as Organist.	
R. " "	S. E. Townsend,	as Pursuivant.	
" "	S. G. Fairtlough	as Steward.	
" "	John S. Dewar,	as "	
" "	Robert Ashton,	as "	
" "	C. Z. Perry,	as "	
" "	W. W. Summers,	" Janitor.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

R. E. Comp.	R. B. Hungerford, London,	London Dist.
" "	John Scoon, Guelph,	Wellington "
" "	John Malloy, Hamilton,	Hamilton "
" "	William Forbes, Grimsby,	Niagara "
" "	James Walters, Napanee,	P. Edward "
" "	Edwin Plant, Ottawa,	Central "

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. Ex. Comp.	James Seymour, St. Catharines,	Past	G. Z.
"	"	L. H. Henderson, Belleville,	"
"	"	Fred. J. Menet, Toronto,	"
"	"	Daniel Spry, Barrie,	"
"	"	Donald Ross, Picton,	"
R. Ex.	"	Thomas C. Macnabb, Chatham,	G. H.
"	"	Henry Robertson, Collingwood,	G. J.
"	"	A. G. Smyth, London,	G. Supt.
"	"	William Carey, Hamilton,	"
"	"	William Gibson, Beamsville,	"
"	"	Donald McPhie, Hamilton,	"
"	"	Richard Brierley, Hamilton,	"
"	"	Wm. G. Reid, Hamilton,	"
"	"	John Ross Robertson, Toronto,	"
"	"	James B. Nixon, Toronto,	"
"	"	C. E. S. Black, Hamilton,	"
"	"	Isaac P. Willson, Welland,	"
"	"	C. W. Brown, Toronto,	"
"	"	Alexander Patterson, Toronto,	G. Sc'be N.
"	"	Robert Ramsay, Orillia,	"
"	"	Sherman E. Townsend, Ham'n,	G. P. Soj.
"	"	William Reid, Hamilton,	"
"	"	J. J. Mason, Hamilton,	G. Reg.
"	"	John Creasor, Owen Sound,	"
"	"	J. G. Robinson, Toronto,	"

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. Ex. Comp.	H. Macpherson, from G. Chap. of	California.
"	"	L. H. Henderson, " Colorado.
"	"	Donald Ross, " Connecticut.
"	"	James Seymour, " Indiana.
"	"	" " " Iowa.
"	"	" " " M. Lodge of E. and W.
"	"	Fred. J. Menet, " G. Chap. of Minnesota.
"	"	Daniel Spry, " New Jersey.
"	"	" " " Quebec.
R. Ex.	"	Thos. C. Macnabb, " Delaware
"	"	Henry Robertson, " Dist. of Col.
"	"	" " " Mississippi.
"	"	" " " New York.
"	"	David McLellan, " Georgia.
"	"	" " " N. Hampshire

"	"	William Forbes,	"	"	Illinois.
"	"	Thomas Sargent,	"	"	Kentucky.
"	"	Edward Mitchell,	"	"	Louisiana.
"	"	John Ross Robertson,	"	"	Nebraska.
"	"	J. J. Mason,	"	"	Nevada.
"	"	Robt. Hendry, jr,	"	"	Nova Scotia.
"	"	Donald McPhie,	"	"	Pennsylvania
"	"	William Gibson,	"	"	Tennessee.
"	"	Richard Brierley,	"	"	Texas.
"	"	James B. Nixon,	"	"	Vermont.

PAST FIRST PRINCIPALS.

M. E. Comp.	H. Macpherson,	R. E. Comp.	Robert Ramsay,
"	James Seymour	"	John Scoon,
"	L. H. Henderson,	"	James Walters,
"	Fred. J. Menet.	"	T. C. Macnabb,
"	Daniel Spry,	"	John Creasor,
"	Donald Ross,	"	I. P. Willson,
R. E.	S. E. Townsend,	"	Chas. W. Brown.
"	William Reid,	"	J. G. Robinson,
"	A. G. Smyth,	V. E.	J. D. Christie,
"	R. B. Hungerford,	"	I. Baker,
"	Wm. Carey,	"	F. B. Gregory,
"	David McLellan,	"	T. L. M. Tipton,
"	William Gibson,	"	J. B. Trayes,
"	Donald McPhie,	"	Wm. Panton.
"	Edward Mitchell,	"	J. M. Clement,
"	J. J. Mason,	"	John Inglis,
"	William Forbes,	Ex.	F. F. Dalley,
"	Richard Brierley,	"	P. J. Slatter,
"	William G. Reid,	"	R. Ashton,
"	John Malloy,	"	John. E. Harding,
"	J. Ross Robertson	"	C. L. Sanders,
"	Thos. Sargent,	"	David Trotter,
"	James. B. Nixon,	"	T. J. O'Neill,
"	Alex. Patterson,	"	DeWitt H. Martyn
"	R. Hendry, jr,	"	J. M. Dunn,
"	W. Waddington, jr,	"	Wm. S. Robinson,
"	Edwin Plant,	"	George Green,
"	Henry Robertson,	"	H. Bickford,
"	C. E. S. Black,	"	R. M. Stuart,
"	Richard Radcliffe		

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by

their qualified officers, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in **Ample Form** at 10.45 a. m.

R. Ex. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were eighty-one Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number sixty-seven were represented by the following Companions :—

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|--------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| No. 1. | Ancient Frontenac Chapter, Kingston. | | |
| | E. Comp. | S. G. Fairtlough, | Z. |
| No. 2. | The Hiram Chapter, Hamilton. | | |
| | E. Comp. | C. W. Mulligan, | Z. |
| | " | " F. F. Dalley, | P. Z. |
| | R. " | " S. E. Townsend, | P. Z. |
| | " | " Otto Klotz, | P. Z. |
| | " | " William Reid, | P. Z. |
| No. 3. | St. John's Chapter, London. | | |
| | E. Comp. | John S. Dewar, | Z. |
| No. 4. | St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto. | | |
| | M. E. Comp. | Fred J. Menet, | P. Z. |
| No. 5. | St. George's Chapter, London. | | |
| | E. Comp. | H. C. Simpson, | Z. |
| | R. " | " A. G. Smyth, | P. Z. |
| | " | " R. B. Hungerford, | P. Z. |
| | " | " William Carey, | P. Z. |
| No. 6. | St. John's Chapter, Hamilton. | | |
| | E. Comp. | J. A. Malcolm, | Z. |
| | " | " Edment Hill, | J. |
| | R. " | " David McLellan, | P. Z. |
| | " | " William Gibson, | P. Z. |
| | " | " Donald McPhie, | P. Z. |
| | " | " Edward Mitchell, | P. Z. |
| | " | " J. J. Mason, | P. Z. |
| | " | " William Forbes, | P. Z. |
| | " | " Richard Brierley, | P. Z. |
| | " | " William G. Reid, | P. Z. |
| | " | " John Malloy, | P. Z. |
| No. 7. | Moir Chapter, Belleville. | | |
| | E. Comp. | John J. Farley, | Z. |
| | " | " J. Parker Thomas, | H. |
| | M. " | " L. H. Henderson, | P. Z. |

No. 8. King Solomon's Chapter, Toronto.

	E. Comp.	George Clarke,	H.
	" "	John Patton,	P. H.
	" "	P. J. Slatton,	P. Z.
	" "	John A. Wills,	P. Z.
R.	" "	David McLellan,	P. Z.
"	" "	J. Ross Robertson,	P. Z.
"	" "	Thomas Sargent,	P. Z.
"	" "	James B. Nixon,	P. Z.
"	" "	Alex. Patterson,	P. Z.
M.	" "	Daniel Spry,	P. Z.
"	" "	Fred. J. Menet,	P. Z.

No. 11. St. Mark's Chapter, St. Andrew's. N. B.

R.	E. Comp.	David McLellan,	P. Z. Proxy.
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No. 12. Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston.

R.	E. Comp.	Robert Hendry, jr.,	P. Z.
"	" "	W. Waddington, jr.,	P. Z.

No. 16. Carleton Chapter, Ottawa.

R.	E. Comp.	Edwin Plant,	P. Z.
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No. 19. Mount Moriah Chapter, St. Catharines.

	E. Comp.	J. E. Beeton,	Z.
V.	" "	J. D. Christie,	P. Z.
M.	" "	James Seymour,	P. Z.

No. 20. Mount Horeb Chapter, Brantford.

	E. Comp.	R. Ashton,	P. Z.
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No. 24. Tecumseh Chapter, Stratford.

	E. Comp.	John E. Harding,	P. Z.
V.	" "	I. Baker,	P. Z.

No. 27. Manitou Chapter, Collingwood.

V.	E. Comp.	Frank B. Gregory,	P. Z.
R.	" "	Henry Robertson,	P. Z.
M.	" "	Henry Macpherson,	P. Z.

No. 29. McCallum Chapter, Dunnville.

V.	E. Comp.	Thos. L. M. Tipton,	P. Z.
R.	" "	Chas. E. S. Black,	P. Z.

No. 30. Huron Chapter, Goderich.

R.	E. Comp.	R. Radcliffe,	P. Z.
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No. 31. Prince Edward Chapter, Picton.

	E. Comp.	H. Wellbanks,	H.
M.	" "	Donald Ross,	P. Z.

- No. 32. Waterloo Chapter, Galt.
 E. Comp. John Shupe, Z.
 " " J. V. G. Greenhill, H.
- No. 34. Signet Chapter, Barrie.
 E. Comp. Fred. Wilmott, P. H.
 " " Chas. L. Sanders, P. Z.
 R. " " Robert Ramsay, P. Z.
 M. " " Daniel Spry, P. Z.
- No. 36. Corinthian Chapter, Peterboro.
 E. Comp. B. Shortly, J.
- No. 37. Victoria Chapter, Port Hope.
 V. E. Comp. J. B. Trayes, P. Z.
- No. 40. Guelph Chapter, Guelph.
 R. E. Comp. John Scoon, P. Z.
- No. 44. Mount Sinai Chapter, Napanee.
 E. Comp. C. Z. Perry, Z.
 R. " " James Walters, P. Z.
 M. " " Donald Ross, P. Z.
- No. 47. Wellington Chapter, Chatham.
 R. E. Comp. T. C. Macnabb, P. Z.
- No. 48. St. John's Chapter, Cobourg.
 * V. E. Comp. J. B. Trayes, P. Z. Proxy.
- No. 49. Elora Chapter, Elora.
 E. Comp. T. P. Smith, Z.
- No. 52. Prince Rupert's Chapter, Winnipeg.
 V. E. Comp. William Panton, P. Z. Proxy.
- No. 53. Bruce Chapter, Petrolia.
 E. Comp. Charles Wilson, P. J.
 " " John Sinclair, P. Z.
 " " David Trotter, P. Z.
- No. 54. Palestine Chapter, St. Thomas.
 E. Comp. Luke Slater, Z.
 " " J. W. Butler, J.
- No. 55. Niagara Chapter, Niagara.
 V. E. Comp. John M. Clement, P. Z. Proxy.
- No. 56. Georgian Chapter, Owen Sound.
 R. E. Comp. John Creasor, P. Z.
 M. " " Henry Macpherson, P. Z.
- No. 57. King Hiram Chapter, Port Colborne.
 E. Comp. Thos. J. O'Neill, P. Z.

- No. 59. Sussex Chapter, Brockville.
 E. Comp. George Gale, Z.
- No. 60. Doric Chapter, Newmarket.
 E. Comp. A. Borngasser, Z.
- No. 61. Granite Chapter, Almonte.
 R. E. Comp. Robert Ramsay, P. Z. Proxy.
- No. 62. York Chapter, Eglinton.
 R. E. Comp. Thomas Sargant, P. Z.
 " " " James B. Nixon, P. Z.
 M. " " Daniel Spry, P. Z.
- No. 63. Havelock Chapter, Kincardine.
 E. Comp. De Witt H. Martyn, P. Z.
- No. 64. Willson Chapter, Welland.
 E. Comp. J. Murison Dunn, P. Z.
 R. " " I. P. Willson, P. Z.
- No. 65. St. Paul's Chapter, Toronto.
 E. Comp. Wm. S. Robinson, P. Z.
 R. " " C. W. Brown, P. Z.
 " " " John G. Robinson, P. Z.
 M. " " Fred. J. Menet, P. Z.
- No. 68. Maitland Chapter, Maitland.
 R. E. Comp. Robert Ramsay, P. Z.
- No. 69. Grimsby Chapter, Grimsby.
 E. Comp. Edward E. Loosley, Z.
 R. " " William Gibson, P. Z.
 " " " Richard Brierley, P. Z.
 " " " J. J. Mason, P. Z.
 " " " Wm. Forbes, P. Z.
 " " " Edward Mitchell, P. Z.
 " " " William G. Reid, P. Z.
- No. 71. Prince of Wales Chapter, Amherstburg.
 E. Comp. George Green, P. Z.
- No. 75. St. Clair Chapter, Milton.
 V. E. Comp. William Pantou, Z.
 R. " " Wm. Gibson, P. Z.
 " " " Donald McPhie, P. Z.
- No. 76. Mount Nebo Chapter, Niagara Falls, South.
 E. Comp. James McGarry, Z.
- No. 77. Occident Chapter, Toronto.
 E. Comp. John A. Wills, Z.
 R. " " Thomas Sargant, P. Z.

	M.	"	"	Daniel Spry,	P. Z.
	"	"	"	Fred. J. Menet,	P. Z.
No. 79.				Orient Chapter, Toronto.	
	R. E. Comp.	J. Ross Robertson,	P. Z.		
	"	"	"	Thomas Sargant,	P. Z.
	"	"	"	James B. Nixon,	P. Z.
	M.	"	"	Daniel Spry,	P. Z.
	"	"	"	Fred J. Menet,	P. Z.
No. 80.				Ark Chapter, Windsor.	
	E. Comp.	Richard Beasley,	Z.		
No. 83.				Ionic Chapter, Orangeville.	
	R. E. Comp.	Thomas Sargant,	P. Z.		
No. 87.				Wentworth Chapter, Dundas.	
	Ex. Comp.	John Ireland,	Z.		
	"	"	"	Frederick Bennett,	H.
	"	"	"	John Poole,	J.
	"	"	"	Henry Bickford,	P. Z.
	"	"	"	F. F. Dalley,	P. Z.
	R.	"	"	David McLellan,	P. Z.
	"	"	"	William G. Reid,	P. Z.
No. 88.				Macnabb Chapter, Dresden.	
	E. Comp.	Robert M. Stuart,	Z.		
No. 90.				Golden Chapter, Rat Portage.	
	M. Ex. Comp.	Fred. J. Menet,	P. Z. Proxy.		
No. 91.				Parkdale Chapter, Parkdale.	
	E. Comp.	George J. Bennett,	Z.		
	V.	"	"	John Inglis,	P. Z.
	R.	"	"	Thomas Sargant,	P. Z.
U. D.				Spry Chapter, Alliston.	
	M. E. Comp.	Daniel Spry,	P. Z.		

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. B. HUNGERFORD,	} Committee.
WILLIAM FORBES,	
WILLIAM G. REID,	

On motion of R. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. G. Reid, the report of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing during the session of the Grand Chapter as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the

government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation, held in the city of Toronto on the 11th day of July, A. D., 1884, A. L., 2414, when it was moved by M. E. Comp. Fred. J. Menet, seconded by M. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, **and Resolved,**

That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 11th day of July, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes thereof be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

The M. E. the Grand Z. then read the following

ADDRESS :

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada—GREETING :

COMPANIONS :

Once more we are permitted to meet in our sacred halls, and I welcome you with pleasure to our Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation, and in accordance with custom proceed to report on my various official acts during the past year, and of the position of Capitular Masonry in our jurisdiction.

Peace and harmony have prevailed during the year, and while there has been no marked increase in the number of Chapters on our roll, prosperity seems to have attended most of them, and the members have been working harmoniously and for the general good of our Order. The valuable reports of the Superintendents of the Districts will, I think, show that only a few differences have arisen amongst our Companions, and that these have been easily settled.

NEW CHAPTER.

Shortly after our last Annual Convocation I received a petition for a new Chapter at Alliston, to be called Spry Chapter. It was strongly recommended, and a dispensation was issued, and I understand the Chapter was opened with fair prospects. It was feared that this new Chapter might interfere with Seymour Chapter No. 38, but I was glad to be informed that it has rather restored life to that Chapter. This is the only dispensation issued for a new Chapter during the year.

VISITS.

I have not been so fortunate in my visits this year as I desired. In August last I went to Port Arthur, Lake Superior, expecting to visit Shuniah Chapter No. 82. So many of the Companions were away on business at the time that it was impossible to have a meeting. I, however, saw a number of the Companions and learned that the Chapter was in a prosperous condition.

I also failed to get a meeting in either of the Chapters in Kingston in September in consequence of the absence of their Principals, and in the same month I was unable to attend a meeting called in Picton by my illness. From the many distinguished Companions belonging to the Chapters in these places I have no doubt they are in a good position.

On the 8th of September I visited Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.

On the 15th of October, Macpherson, No. 86, Meaford.

On the 17th of October, Manitou, No. 27, Collingwood.

On the 30th of January, 1885, Mount Moriah, No. 19, St. Catharines, and

On the 2nd of February Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton, where I also had the pleasure of meeting a number of the Companions of St. John's Chapter, No. 6. In all of these I was cordially received, and spent enjoyable evenings in friendly conversation with the Companions, and have to return my thanks to the Companions of the different Chapters for their kindness to me during my visits.

On the 16th of June I also had the pleasure of installing the officers of Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, to which I belong.

DISPENSATIONS.

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 65, of the constitution of our Grand Chapter, I have issued the following dispensations to enable Companions who would not otherwise have been qualified, to be installed in their respective chairs :

To install as Z., not P. M., but H.	5
“ “ “ H., “ P. M.	4
“ H “ J.,	6

three of the last being P. M.'s. In these cases I have satisfied myself that the good of the several Chapters required that the dispensations should be granted.

REPRESENTATIVE.

In Oct. last I appointed Companion Lawrence N. Greenleaf, of Denver, representative of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of Colorado, in place of Companion B. T. Wells, who had left the jurisdiction of that grand body.

Some time since I received a communication from Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, through R. E. Comp. Plant, G. S., Central District, stating that certain brethren residing within the territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, but at a much greater distance from any Chapter in that jurisdiction than from Carleton Chapter, had applied for exaltation to that Chapter, and that on application to the Grand Z. of Quebec he had expressed his willingness to grant the authority if I, as G. Z. of Canada, would join in the request. I had much pleasure in doing so, and have to thank the G. Z. for his courtesy and kindness in complying with the request.

NEW GRAND CHAPTER.

In November last I received intimation that a Grand Chapter had been formed in Washington Territory. The course taken by the Chapters appears to have been regular. The papers will be laid before you, and I have great pleasure in recommending that the Grand Chapter of Washington Territory be recognized and welcomed amongst the sister Grand Chapters of the world.

FINANCES.

The statements and accounts of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer will be laid before you by those officers, and I have no doubt will be found satisfactory.

The balance on hand July 1st, 1884, was.....	\$ 3,370 90
Receipts for year ending June 30th, 1885.....	2,178 28
	5,549 18
Expenditure.....	1,306 17
On hand.....	4,243 01
Invested.....	6,000 00
Total.....	\$10,243 01

The Grand Scribe E. has informed me that he is in receipt of a communication from Ottawa that the Dominion stock, amounting to four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500), held by Grand Chapter, will be paid off in October next. It will therefore be advisable to authorize the Finance Committee to look out for some other suitable investment.

MUSIC.

Under the authority of the resolution passed at our last convocation I have after examination approved of the musical ceremonies of Companion Sparling, and think they will add very much to the impressiveness of our rites in the Chapters using them.

OBITUARY.

We are again reminded of the uncertainty of life by the passing away of some distinguished and useful Companions from our midst. Amongst those who have been called away are three who have held official rank in our Grand Chapter, R. ex-Companion W. N. Kennedy, P. District Superintendent of Manitoba District, and a member of Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg, who died on his way home from Egypt, where he had been with the Canadian voyageurs assisting the British troops in the ascent of the Nile. He was also a P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. R. E. Comp. A. A. Campbell, P. G. J., and a member of Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.

V. ex-Comp. Henry Cooke, P. G. Steward, a member of Huon Chapter, No. 30, who died on the 23rd of September, 1884. Ex-Comp. M. H. Spencer, P. H., of Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie, a Past D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District, who died on the 10th of Feb., 1885. Ex-Comp. David A. Creasor, P. Z., of Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, and a P. G. Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who died on the 29th of Dec., 1884. Ex-Comp. R. Flood, P. Z., of Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket, who died on the 13th of January, 1885, and Comp. T. M. Daly, of Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, who died on the 4th of March, 1885. I recommend that memorial pages be placed in our proceedings to our departed companions.

GRAND MARK MASTER MASON'S LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Grand Chapter of Canada, having at its last Annual Convocation, resolved that all fraternal intercourse between that grand body and the Grand Mark Master Mason's Lodge of England should be suspended, unless within six months from that date the G. M. M. M. Lodge withdrew all its warrants to Mark Lodges in the Province of Quebec, I have to report that such action was not within the said six months taken, nor has it yet been taken so that the resolution of our Grand Chapter still remains in full force. And now in conclusion in surrendering into your

hands the sceptre with which you have honored me during the past two years, let me ask you to join with me in returning our heartfelt thanks to the Most High for the happy and prosperous year we have just past, and let us pray that he may continue to preserve our Order by cementing and adorning it with every social and moral virtue. So mote it be.

HENRY MACPHERSON, G. Z.

Grand Chapter of Canada.

July 10th, 1885.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by M. E. Comp. Donaid Ross, **and Resolved,**

That the address of the M. E. the Grand Z, be referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon during the present Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

The following reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were presented :—

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In making my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry I regret my inability to express satisfaction at the condition of the Royal Craft in the London District.

This does not arise from any scarcity of good material, but rather through a decided want of energy and life existing among the officers and members of our Chapters. At the same time a general depression in money matters may have had some effect on those desirous of joining Royal Arch Masonry.

I would strongly recommend that in cases where Chapters have not made proper returns, or where some slight degree of activity has not been shown for the past two years, that they be summoned to show cause why their charters should not be recalled.

I think if this were done and the loss of their charter threatened, more interest would be taken in Capitular Masonry.

I have had the pleasure of visiting several Chapters in the London District and had an opportunity of inspecting their work. At Windsor, Ex.Comp Beasley presides over a live Chapter, in which they have plenty of work performed in a most creditable manner. Petrolia, I think, has the banner Chapter of the District, I do not believe a better exemplifi-

cation of the Royal Arch Degree could be given by any Chapter in the Dominion than I had the pleasure of witnessing in February last. Ex-Comp. Trotter is "Z." and certainly "carries his work plumb."

I regret I have been unable to visit St. Thomas, Chatham and Ridgetown Chapters. They are in a prosperous condition and the work is such as will meet the approbation of Grand Chapter.

I had the pleasure of installing the officers of St. John's and St. George's Chapters, London, and am pleased to state that a marked improvement is observable in the work. Ex-Comp. J. S. Dewar and H. C. Simpson are doing all in their power to advance the interests of their respective Chapters.

I am pleased to state that harmony exists throughout the District, there have been no complaints, the correspondence has been comparatively light, and as there has been no appeal from my rulings, I presume they have given satisfaction.

Owing to the extreme size of the London District, covering as it does five of the largest counties in Ontario, I have not been able to visit all the Chapters; this I regret and trust they will forgive my seeming neglect.

I would advise Grand Chapter to consider the advisability of dividing the District as follows: The counties of Middlesex, Elgin and Lambton into the London District, and Essex and Kent into the St. Clair District. The former would then have seven and the latter five Chapters.

I trust my successor will find Royal Arch Masonry more prosperous than I have and that more interest will be taken in it during the coming year.

I return my sincere thanks to the Companions of the District for the kind and courteous attention given me during my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

RICHARD B. HUNGERFORD,
Grand Supt. London District.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In submitting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Wilson District I regret to state that very

little, if any, advance has been made in the Royal Craft in this District for some years past.

EZRA CHAPTER, NO. 23.

Simcoe is practically dormant, and I could get no reply to my letters. I would recommend Grand Chapter to deal with this Chapter as provided by the constitution.

HARRIS CHAPTER, NO. 41.

Ingersoll is not in a much better position, and is, I fear, greatly in arrears to Grand Chapter, unless very lately attended to.

OXFORD CHAPTER, NO. 18.

Woodstock is at least good on the Grand Chapter books, although no work has been done during the past year.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, NO. 20.

Brantford is in a better position. R. E. Comp. D. Curtis, a Past G. Supt. of this District, informs me that it is in a fair working position. Two have been exalted, one marked and one affiliate since last returns, with some applications before it.

I have not been able to give much attention to the duties of my office during the past year, owing chiefly to long continued illness in my family. I doubt, however, if I could have accomplished much, even if I could have found time for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. L. BEARD,
Grand Supt. Wilson Dist.

Woodstock, July 8th, 1885.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Canada I have the honor to submit this my second report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Wellington District.

Of the seven Chapters comprising the district I visited the following, viz.: Waterloo, No. 32, Galt; Guelph, No. 40, Guelph; Grand River, No. 70, Berlin; Elora, No. 49, Elora; and found them in good order and in a prosperous condition, especially that of Elora, No. 49, and Waterloo, No. 32, both of which are doing a considerable amount of work.

The remaining Chapters I was unable to visit in consequence of their not holding meetings: Saugeen, No. 50, Walkerton; Enterprise, No. 67. Harriston; Ionic, No. 83, Orangeville. Saugeen, No. 50, has not been able to meet for considerable time, owing, I believe, to the small number of members, and some of them are out of reach. Last returns to Grand Chapter show only ten members on the roll, and since that time six have withdrawn; the remaining number are not sufficient to hold the warrant, consequently have determined to surrender, and applied for instructions regarding the same, which were granted in due time, but from some cause or other have not complied with the full particulars of instruction, only furnishing a certified copy of the names of members as per last returns to Grand Chapter. As time will not permit further correspondence regarding said matter, I therefore leave it to the consideration of Grand Chapter. Enterprise, No. 67, from neglect or otherwise, has failed to acknowledge the receipt of letters of enquiry regarding the state of said Chapter, and whether they were holding meetings or not. I have repeatedly reminded them of my not having received any notice of meetings, which renders me unable to say anything definite regarding their condition.

Ionic, No. 83, is also weak, and experiences considerable difficulty in getting a sufficient number of members together to open the Chapter. From the tenor of the correspondence recently I would infer that most of their trouble has arisen from the number of societies of various kinds that have sprung up in their midst, and, unfortunately engages the attention of the Companions to the complete desertion of the Chapter. Through the efforts of a few of the Companions, who have the interests of the Royal Craft at heart, have determined to hold meetings regularly during the coming year, hoping they may be successful.

At the solicitations of the Companions of Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, and Elora Chapter, No. 49, I recommended the issue of Dispensations to install the following Companions, viz: To install Ex-Comp. Shupe. as Z. of Waterloo Chapter, not having served as Worshipful Master of a Lodge; also to install Comp. T. P. Smith as Z. of Elora Chapter, not having served as J and H., who is a P.M.; likewise to instal Comp. John Tindil as H. not having served as J. I have every reason to believe that these favors have been duly appreciated by the Companions of said Chapters and will result advantageously.

During the year I had the pleasure of installing the Ex-Principals and Officers of Guelph, No. 40 ; also Elora, No. 49, and feel satisfied that the Officers in each case were duly qualified.

Two deaths have been reported to me during the year, that of Comp. Robert Dalby, of Elora, who died on the 6th of November, 1884, and also Ex-Comp. S. S. McCormack, of Orangeville, who died the 2nd of December, 1884, both of whom were deeply regretted, and were at the time of their decease active members of their respective Chapters, S. S. McCormack being First Principal of Ionic, No. 83 and R. Dalby Treasurer of Elora, No. 49. Both were buried with Masonic honors.

It affords me great pleasure to report that harmony prevails throughout the District and that not a single case of Masonic complaint has been laid before me. In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to R. Ex-Comp. David McLellan, Grand S. E. and the Companions throughout the Wellington District for the kindness and courtesy shown me during my two years term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN SCOON;

Grand Supt. Wellington District.

Guelph, July 2nd, 1885.

HAMILTON.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In accordance with the requirements of the constitution I have pleasure in submitting the following brief report of Capitular Masonry in this district.

I have visited officially all the Chapters in my district, and have duly installed the officers during the year. I find that in each case the dues have been all paid, and returns made to Grand Chapter.

I can also assure Grand Chapter that the utmost harmony prevails, and that nothing whatever has occurred among the Companions to mar the prosperity of our Order. Although the growth of membership has not been large I know of no instance in which an objectionable member has been admitted. In fact I am disposed to conclude that the material has been above the average.

I would say that each Chapter is particularly proud of its labors, and very justly so, as now exemplified by the Principals and officers of this district, as we have two of the largest Chapters in this district working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body.

A pleasing duty I had to perform during my term of office was in taking part in an official visit of the M. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, the G. Z., to this centre of R. A. M., and witnessing the work faithfully carried out as laid down by this Grand Chapter.

In conclusion I beg to thank R. E. Comps. W. G. Reid, Gavin Stewart, Donald McPhie, Ex-Comp. F. F. Dalley, and the officers and Companions of the Hamilton District, for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN MALLOY,
Grand Supt. Hamilton District.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In submitting my second annual report as G. D. Supt. of this district for the past year, I do so with some feelings of pleasure, believing the Royal Craft is more alive to their interests, and in a more prosperous condition than for some years back.

Of the seven Chapters in this district I have visited them all, and in almost every instance have been pleased with their progress, as well as the harmony prevailing within the precincts of each.

I am also pleased to report every Chapter has made their returns to G. C., and with one or two exceptions about free of debt.

NO. 19, MOUNT MORIAH, ST. CATHARINES.

This Chapter maintains its reputation as the leader, oldest, best. Officers all workers. Present Council being :

E. Comp. J. E. Beeton,	Z.
“ John Henderson,	H.
“ L. R. Smith,	J.

who were installed by R. Ex-Comp. Goodman, assisted by V. Ex-Comp. J. D. Christie, Oct. 3rd, 1884, on which occasion I

was present, and well pleased with their execution of the installation ceremony.

On the 30th January, 1885, M. E. Comp. H. Macpherson, G. Z. of this G. C., honored this district and this Chapter with the first official visit ever given this district by a G. Z., excepting during the term of M. E. Comp. James Seymour, who was a resident, held that exalted position, and I must report we were much gratified with this compliment paid the district. R. Ex-Comp. David McLellan, G. S. E. and R. Ex-Comp. Wm. Gibson, D. D. G. M., Niagara District, accompanied the M. E. the G. Z., both of whom were heartily welcomed.

Ex-Comp. Loosley, Millward and Griffith, with several Companions from Grimsby Chapter, were present, also representatives from some of the other Chapters, the short notice preventing a larger attendance.

The St. Catharines Companions entertained the M. Ex. the G. Z. and accompanying Companions at the Welland House, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

May this be only the first visit to this district of the G. Z.

I had much pleasure in granting a dispensation to this Chapter enabling them to appear as a Chapter clothed as a R. A. Masons. Sabbath, June 28th, 1885, to attend divine service at St. George's Church, Rev. Bro. E. M. Bland, of Maple Leaf Lodge, having kindly consented to officiate.

In company with a number of Companions and brethren from Grimsby and Beamsville I done myself the pleasure of attending, and must say I was very much pleased with the whole arrangement conducted under St. Georges' Lodge, and must not only congratulate them but the Rev. Bro. and Companion on the instructive and able sermon he delivered on the occasion.

This Chapter kindly allowed me \$5 towards expenses.

NO. 29, M'CALLUM, DUNNVILLE.

This Chapter I visited 29 May, 1885, present Council being:

E. Comp. Wm. N. Braund, Z
 " Thos. Galbraith, H.
 " Samuel Cornick, J.

Found an improvement in general management, and believe this Council, with Comp. Walters as S. E., will in future keep work and business up to the times.

Ex-Comp. A. Couper, of this Chapter, met with a serious accident during his term of office as Z., which rendered him incapable for a time of performing the duties. I am pleased to state he is improving, though I fear it will be years before he will entirely recover from the effects.

R. Ex-Comp. Parry (or the Judge, as he is socially styled amongst the Companions), with his broad open countenance, seems to reflect the feelings of the Companions of this Chapter who are noted for their large-heartedness. Ex-Comp. McCallum, after whom this Chapter is named, sending them a cheque the night I visited them to the credit of their cash account.

This Chapter also gave me \$5 towards expenses.

NO. 55, NIAGARA, NIAGARA.

Visited them January 8th, 1885.

The stirring up I gave this Chapter has had the desired effect, and one of the greatest pleasures I have in this report is to say they are now in good working order, all past dues to G. C. being paid, as also a large part of their liabilities I then mentioned.

The present Council are :—

E. Comp.	Alex Servos,	Z.
"	Robert Shearer,	H.
"	Gage J. Miller,	J.

who have, I see by the summons, work on hand, and to whom with the energy and determination of V. Ex-Comp. John M. Clement, who was bound Niagara Chapter would not give up, may be attributed the new life in this Chapter, and whom I ask G. C. to encourage.

Comp. J. Alex. Hamilton is S. E., a courteous and attentive officer.

I trust the Comps. of this Chapter will not again allow a like state of matters to exist as in which I found them.

NO. 57, KING HIRAM, PORT COLBORNE.

Visited them April 2nd, 1885.

Council :	E. Comp.	Thos. Rae,	Z.
	"	E. Smith,	H.
	"	T. J. O'Neil,	J.

This Chapter has done well during the past year, meeting, I may say, regularly. Have got new By-laws printed very handsomely.

The Council is ably assisted by Comp. J. C. Jordon, S. E., who is a correct and careful official.

NO. 64, WILLSON, WELLAND.

Visited them 27th May, 1885.

Found R. Ex-Comp. I. P. Willson again at the head of the Council.

This Chapter is doing well, although not as well as it should do from the ability it contains.

I am not envious, but I would I were possessed of the talents of some of the Comps. of this Chapter.

I would like to see more life here, and this Chapter enter into friendly competition with St. Catharines, as to which should be the first in the District.

NO. 69, GRIMSBY.

Being myself S. E. of this Chapter, I have attended all their meetings, though made no official visit.

Present Council—Ex. Comp. Ed. E. Loosley, Z.
“ “ R. M. Griffith, H.
“ “ Albert Terryberry, J.

This Chapter is doing well for a country Chapter. Is well worked and in good condition.

NO. 76, MOUNT NEBO, NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH.

Visited them January 23rd, 1885.

Present Council—Ex. Comp. Dr. McGarry, Z.
“ “ Geo. Collins, H.
“ “ Geo. Goldsborough, J.

This Chapter is improving in their work and I believe will continue to do so. Through an apparent oversight in the S. E. of this Chapter reporting to me as Grand D. S. the change in their meetings as reported by me last year, I desire to have the matter rectified and have the meetings as desired by the Chapter. Their meetings were formerly, first Friday after full moon. The S. E. reported to me the change as Friday before full moon, which I approved and had adopted in my report by Grand Chapter. The S. E. should have reported, Friday on or before full moon, which latter is supported by their minutes and the correspondence with Grand Scribe E. I desire therefore to report their meetings as held on Friday on or before full moon. My former report amended as to that portion and thus confirmed. The whole matter was simply an unintentional omission of the S. E. in the words *on or*.

Ex. Comp. Smith of this Chapter from his interest in the Royal Craft and services to this Chapter is entitled to a further mark of favor from Grand Chapter.

This Chapter kindly gave me \$5 towards expenses.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would recommend all Chapters not having already done so to provide themselves with a proper Mark Book, for which purpose I consider Grand Chapter should procure them and supply through G. S. E. or provide for their manufacture, as also a complete set of Chapter books to include register and minute book, as required by Chapters, that all might be uniform, believing it would be a great convenience and assistance to the officers in the proper keeping of the records.

I would also recommend Chapters to promptly forward list of newly installed officers to the Grand District Superintendent immediately after his installation, for his guidance.

In concluding I desire to thank the Companions of the several Chapters for their kindness to me on my official visits.

To the Grand Scribe E. for his unwavering kindness and assistance when needed.

To the Grand Z. for his visit to the District during my term of office.

And may peace and prosperity attend our Royal Craft collectively and individually.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. FORBES,

Grand Supt. Niagara District.

Grimsby, 30th June, 1885.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

As in duty bound I beg most respectfully to submit my report of the condition of such Chapters in the Toronto District, as I have been able to visit.

My first visit was to King Solomon's Chapter, and was pleased to find it in good working order, the books and proceedings being kept in a very creditable manner.

I also paid a visit to St. Paul's Chapter, Yorkville, for the purpose of assisting in the installation of officers, but found that certain dispensation which had been asked for and recom-

mended by me were not forthcoming, the Most Excellent Z. in his wisdom refusing to grant same, however, I witnessed some very excellent work, and was much pleased with my visit.

I further visited and assisted in installing the officers of Doric Chapter, Newmarket, Manitou Chapter, Collingwood, Macpherson Chapter, Meaford, was not visited by me, but I assisted to install their officers in Manitou Chapter, Collingwood. I also visited and assisted to install the officers of Signet Chapter, Barrie. I was present and assisted to institute Spry Chapter, Alliston, and have much pleasure in recommending the granting of a charter to said Chapter.

I was instrumental in reviving Seymour Chapter and of installing the officers elect of said Chapter, and hope for a better future of a Chapter that has done a great deal of work in its day.

In conclusion I would say that I regret much my inability to visit all the Chapters in the district, but those I did visit gave me great pleasure, and I would be ungrateful if I did not acknowledge the kindness received by me at the different visits made.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JNO. STEVENSON,

Grand Supt. Toronto District.

Barrie, July 3rd, 1885,

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In compliance with the requirements of the constitution I beg respectfully to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Prince Edward District.

There are four Chapters in this district, viz. :

Moir, No. 7.

Prince Edward, No. 31.

St. Marks, No. 26.

Mount Sinai, No. 44.

I am glad to have the opportunity of reporting that three of these are working in full accord with the desired work as ordered by the Grand Chapter.

ST. MARKS, TRENTON.

I have nothing encouraging to report. In compliance with the request of the Most Excellent Grand Z. I notified Ex-Comp.

Day to call a meeting to see what could be done to place them in working order. I accordingly visited them, accompanied by Ex-Comp. McGinnis, third Prin. of Moira Chapter, and Dist. Dep. Grand Master of Prince Edward District, who is always willing to assist in the advancement of the Royal Craft.

Our visit proved to be in vain ; all the Companions that put in an appearance were Ex-Comp. Day and our visiting Companion. On my request to see the Charter Ex-Comp. Day informed me it could not be found, and on looking over the reports of past years I find I have shared the fate of my predecessors, as I am the third Grand Superintendent who has failed in their endeavors to recussitate this Chapter, and in view of these facts I would most respectfully submit this report to the Grand Chapter for their careful consideration, as such neglect as the loss of the charter by the officers in charge of the same should not be passed unnoticed by the Grand Chapter.

MOIRA, BELLEVILLE.

On the 8th September I received an invitation, on the occasion of an official visit by the Most Excellent Grand Z., to Moira Chapter, Belleville.

I availed myself of the invitation and a very pleasant time was spent.

I hope these visits by the Grand Officers to the subordinate Chapters will be continued by those that take the sceptre. It shows the interest they evince in the welfare of the Royal Craft. On different occasions I have visited them, and it has always been a pleasure to me to be present and witness the exaltation ceremony, as Ex-Comp. Farley is well up in the work, and with the assistance of L. H. Henderson, Past Grand Z., is sufficient guarantee for a good prosperous Chapter.

PRINCE EDWARD, NO. 31.

On the 2nd June I paid an official visit to Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, accompanied by Ex-Comp. C. Z. Perry, First Pincipal of Mount Sinai Chapter. I had made several efforts to visit them during the winter months, but could not on account of the ice and storms. I was well received by the officers and Companions. This Chapter is in a very prosperous condition and is presided over by very efficient officers.

I cannot refrain from making special mention of the First Principal of this Chapter, Ex-Comp. John Warren. His residence is 11 miles from the Chapter rooms and I am informed

that he is always present at the regular convocations (a worthy example to our town and city officers and Companions) and is well up in the work and, with the assistance and advice of M. Ex-Comp. Donald Ross, Past Grand Z., this Chapter must continue to prosper.

MOUNT SINAI, NAPANEE.

This Chapter is, I am pleased to report, in a healthy and prosperous condition financially and otherwise. At the last regular convocation several applications were received for membership, and as this Chapter is composed principally of new material and is under the careful management of Ex-Comp. C Z. Perry, as First Principal, a very enthusiastic Mason, is a sufficient guarantee for a prosperous future.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES WALTERS,

Grand Supt. Prince Edward District.

Napanee, June 15th, 1885.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to present herewith my report on the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in the Central District during the year just closing.

There are eight Chapters in this district. viz :

1. Ancient Frontenac, Kingston.
12. Cataraqui, Kingston.
16. Carleton, Ottawa.
22. Grenville, Prescott.
58. Pembroke, Pembroke.
59. Sussex, Brockville.
61. Granite, Almonte.
68. Maitland, Maitland.

I am pleased to report that Royal Arch Masonry in this district has held its own during the past year; almost every Chapter has had work, Carleton, No. 16, has had more work than usual, and is, without doubt, the most prosperous Chapter in this district. Sussex Chapter is also doing well, and has prospects of considerable work.

The attendance at the regular convocations of many of the Chapters has not been up to the mark.

DISPENSATIONS.

At the request of Sussex Chapter, I granted a dispensation for the Companions to appear in regalia while attending Divine Service on Sunday, 20th June.

At the request of Carleton Chapter, I had much pleasure in recommending the application for dispensation from the Most Excellent the Grand Z. of Grand Chapter of Quebec to permit of Bros. W. W. Ireland and Hodgins of Shawville Lodge, G. L. of Quebec, being received and exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch, they residing within the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter of Quebec, Said dispensation was granted.

I also had the pleasure of recommending the following dispensations from the Most Ex. the Grand Z. of Grand Chapter, which were granted: To install Ex-Comp Fairtlough as Z. of Ancient Frontenac Chapter, he not being a past 2nd Principal, and Ex-Comp. Richard Bunt as Z. of Cataraqui Chapter, he not being an installed master.

INSTALLATIONS.

January 15th, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Carleton Chapter, Ottawa.

June 8th, the officers of Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston.

I have to remind some of the Companions S. E. that they do not send the notices of the Convocations regularly.

April 17th, I received a notification from Carleton Chapter that R. Ex-Comp. John Moore had been indefinitely suspended and recommended for expulsion for unmasonic conduct.

In resigning my trust I beg to tender my sincere thanks to the Companions of the Central District for the many acts of kindness and courtesy extended to me during my term of office, especially I am indebted to the officers of Cataraqui Chapter for the favors shown me when visiting them.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN PLANT,
Grand Supt. Central District.

Ottawa, June 30th, 1885.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In compliance with the constitution I herewith submit a report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in New Brunswick District.

Owing to circumstances, over which I have no control, I was not able to visit any of the Chapters outside of St. John, but from personal interview with members of the Chapters under my charge, I am able to give a fair report of each Chapter in this jurisdiction.

New Brunswick Chapter is still doing a good business, with every prospect in the future of a continuance of the same. The Chapter is out of debt, and the meetings are well attended.

St. Mark's Chapter, I am informed, is looking forward with every hope of a large number being added to their membership.

Botsford Chapter, I am happy to state, have reorganized, and have elected and installed a new set of officers, with every prospect of becoming a first rate Chapter.

Woodstock Chapter has not added many to its membership, but the Scribe E. wrote me that they were all right and are looking forward for better times.

At an emergency meeting this month I installed the officers of New Brunswick Chapter, and it affords me pleasure to say that all the officers are well posted in their work, and are punctual in their attendance at the regular meetings of the Chapter.

I am pleased to have it my power to report to Grand Chapter that no complaints have been made.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY DUFFELL,

Grand Supt. New Brunswick District.

Saint John, N. B., June 27th, 1885.

It was moved by R. Ex-Comp. James B. Nixon, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. William Gibson, **and Resolved,**

That the reports of the Grand Superintendent of Districts be referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon during the present convocation of Grand Chapter.

R. Ex-Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E. submitted his annual and cash statements of moneys received during the past year, together with the books, etc.

R. Ex-Comp. Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, submitted his annual statement of receipts and disbursements, with vouchers attached.

ANNUAL STATEMENT, JUNE 30TH, 1885.

DAVID MCLELLAN, G. S. E, in account with Grand Chapter.

No. 1—Anc't Frontenac..\$	10 00	Brought forward....\$	1131 50
" 2—The Hiram.....	102 40	No. 57—King Hiram.....	7 20
" 3—St. John's.....	24 80	" 59—Sussex.....	6 00
" 4—St. Andrew and John.....	43 40	" 60—Doric.....	23 00
" 5—St. George's.....	29 40	" 61—Granite.....	7 00
" 6—St. John's.....	43 20	" 62—York.....	7 25
" 7—Moir.....	49 05	" 63—Havelock.....	6 00
" 8—King Solomon's..	139 60	" 64—Willson.....	37 20
" 10—New Bruns'k, N. B.	1 00	" 65—St. Paul's.....	22 40
" 11—St. Mark's, N. B.	25 40	" 66—Seaforth.....	33 35
" 12—Cataraqui.....	19 00	" 69—Grimsby.....	6 10
" 16—Carleton.....	49 20	" 70—Grand River.....	4 80
" 18—Oxford.....	5 20	" 71—Prince of Wales..	5 60
" 19—Mount Moriah...	23 60	" 75—St. Clair.....	10 80
" 20—Mount Horeb....	11 70	" 76—Mount Nebo.....	6 20
" 22—Grenville.....	13 70	" 78—Minnewawa.....	15 15
" 24—Tecumseh.....	8 40	" 79—Orient.....	1 00
" 27—Manitou.....	6 20	" 80—Ark.....	19 00
" 30—Huron.....	22 20	" 81—Aylmer.....	28 75
" 31—Prince Edward...	49 65	" 82—Shuniah.....	13 50
" 32—Waterloo.....	19 80	" 84—Lebanon.....	40 95
" 34—Signet.....	36 70	" 85—Exeter.....	11 60
" 36—Corinthian.....	68 40	" 86—Macpherson.....	13 60
" 37—Victoria.....	7 40	" 87—Wentworth.....	14 60
" 38—Seymour.....	8 00	" 88—Macnabb.....	25 65
" 40—Guelph.....	16 20	" 89—Woodstock.....	13 20
" 44—Mount Sinai.....	31 00	" 90—Golden.....	24 20
" 47—Wellington.....	34 00	" 91—Parkdale.....	49 00
" 48—St. John's.....	17 40	U. D. Spry.....	57 50
" 49—Elora.....	20 00	Three copies of constitu-	
" 50—Saugeen.....	29 80	tion.....	65
" 52—Prince Rupert...	35 00	Interest on \$4,500 Domin-	
" 53—Bruce.....	35 00	ion stock.....	225 00
" 54—Palestine.....	34 10	Interest on \$1,500 Land	
" 55—Niagara.....	32 80	Security Stock....	150 00
" 56—Georgian.....	28 80	Interest on Bank De-	
		posits.....	160 53
Carried forward..\$	1131 50		\$2178 28

CASH STATEMENT.

1885.	1884.
June 30—To Receipts... \$2178 28	July 31—By G. Treas...\$ 129 25
	Aug. 30—“ “ .. 41 00
	Sep. 30—“ “ .. 1 00
	Oct. 31—“ “ .. 156 70
	Nov. 30—“ “ .. 49 40
	Dec. 31—“ “ .. 202 99
	1885.
	Jan. 31—“ “ .. 114 40
	Feb. 28—“ “ .. 25 00
	Mar. 31—“ “ .. 35 00
	Apr. 30—“ “ .. 205 50
	May 30—“ “ .. 165 30
	June 30—“ “ .. 997 10
	“ 30—“ “ .. 55 64
<u>\$2178 28</u>	<u>\$2178 28</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Certificates.. .. .	\$ 490 00
Dues.....	740 60
Registration Fees.....	258 50
Dispensations.....	58 00
Warrants.....	10 00
Constitutions.....	70 65
Ceremonies.....	15 00
Interest on Dominion Stock (\$4,500).....	225 00
Interest on Toronto Land Security (\$1,500).....	150 00
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	160 53
	<u>\$2178 28</u>

Moved by R. Ex-Comp. Thomas Sargant, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., **and Resolved,**

That the annual statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit, and to report thereon, at the present convocation.

R. Ex-Comp. Henry Robertson, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the committee, which, on motion of R. Ex-Comp. Thomas Sargant, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

Telegrams were then read from R. Ex-Comp. J. K. Kerr, P. G. J., R. Ex-Comp. Charles L. Beard, G. Supt. of Wilson District, and letters from R. Ex-Comp. D. McG. Malloch, Grand Supt. Huron District, and Ex-Comp. J. Y. Cain, J. of Prince Rupert's Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg, Manitoba, apologizing for the absence of R. Ex-Comp. C. F. Forrest, Grand Supt. Manitoba District, who is at the front in the service of his country, where he has won distinguished honor in the late rebellion. All these R. Ex-Comps. regret their inability to be present, and express the hope that this convocation may be one of profit and pleasure to all the companions to whom they desire to be fraternally remembered.

Official letters were then read from R. Ex-Comp. Gil W. Barnard, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, notifying this Grand Chapter of the deaths of M. Ex-Comp. James C. Luckey, Past D. G. H. P., who died suddenly while alone in his room at the hotel at Forreston, Illinois, on the 28th July, 1884.

M. Ex-Comp. Arthur R. H. Atkins, Past Grand H. P., who died at his home in the city of Chicago on the 12th August, 1884. M. Ex-Comp. Hiram W. Hubbard, Past Grand H. P., who died at his home in Centralia on the 20th January, 1885.

Also from R. Ex-Comp. Christopher G. Fox. General Grand Secretary of the G. G. C. of R. A. Masons of the United States of America, notifying this Grand Chapter of the death of M. Ex-Comp. Elbert Hartwell, English Past General Grand High Priest, who died on the 1st September, 1884, at Ashville, N. C.

Also from R. Ex-Comp. Alfred T. Chapman, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, notifying this

Grand Chapter of the death of Z. H. Thomas, his predecessor in office.

Official letters were then read from M. Ex-Comp. William Blatt, G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Dakota, which body had been organized and the officers installed on the 25th day of February, by P. G. H. P. Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa, at the request of the M. E. General Grand High Priest, having been thus constituted and its officers installed, invites the early and fraternal recognition of the sister Grand Chapters.

Also from M. E. Comp. Louis Ziegler, G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons, of the territory of Washington, which body was organized, and its officers installed in the Masonic Hall, Walla Walla, W. T., on the 2nd October, 1884, by E. Comp. Andrew McCalley, D. G. G. H. P., said Grand Chapter asks for an interchange of official and fraternal courtesies.

The Grand Scribe E. then presented a handsomely bound copy of the second volume of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky for the years 1854 to 1866 inclusive.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows :

AUDIT AND FINANCE REPORT.

The Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer up to June 30th, and find them correct.

The receipts and disbursements for the past year have been as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....		\$3370 90
Certificates.....	\$ 490 00	
Dues.....	740 60	
Registration fees.....	258 50	
Dispensation.....	58 00	
Warrants.....	10 00	
Constitutions.....	70 65	
Ceremonies.....	15 00	
Interest on \$4,500 Dominion Stock.....	225 00	
Interest on \$1,500 Toronto Security Co.....	150 00	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	160 53	
		2178 28
		\$5549 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Insurance on Grand Chapter property.....	\$	5	00
Trunk for use of Grand Scribe E.....		7	50
J. B. Traves, circulars and printing.....		16	75
Foreign Correspondence, 1884.....		50	00
J. R. Robertson, printing Grand Z.'s address, 1884..		7	50
W. Bruce, engrossing warrant.....		4	50
A. McPherson, printing proceedings, etc.....		174	53
Mrs. Harris, benevolent grant for nine months....		150	00
Grand Scribe E, salary.....		700	00
A. McPherson, printing constitution.....		97	00
Rolph Smith & Co., certificates.....		30	00
Grand Scribe E., incidentals.....		63	39
Cash on deposit.....		4243	01
			----- \$5549 18

There is an apparent decrease in the receipts as compared with the financial report at 30th June, 1884, owing to the fact that the receipts as at that date included monies received from returns covering a period of sixteen months, viz., from 31st January, 1883, to 31st May, 1884 :

ASSETS.

Dominion Stock, bearing 5% interest.. .. .	4500	00
Toronto Land Security Co.....	1500	00
Cash, Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	4243	01
		----- \$10243 01

LIABILITIES.

Mrs. T. B. Harris, grant to 30th June, 1885.....	50	00
Foreign Correspondence, 1885.....	50	00
J. Eastwood & Co., registers for Benevolent Committee	6	75
Rolph Smith & Co, certificates.....	60	00
A. McPherson, sundry printing.....	46	25
Grand Scribe E., advance for incidentals.....	60	00
Grand Z., incidentals, two years, 1883-4 1884-5.....	50	00
		----- \$ 323 00

Notice has been received that the Government 5% stock, held by the Grand Chapter, will be redeemed on the 31st October next. The committee recommend that its re-investment be intrusted to the President of the Executive Committee, the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer.

At the last Annual Convocation a resolution was passed instructing the Grand Scribe E. to invite tenders for the re-printing of the proceedings for the years that are out of print. As the acceptance of the lowest tender would involve an expenditure of about \$1,200 the committee do not feel justified in recommending that the work be done.

JAMES B. NIXON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex-Comp. Thomas Sargent, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. James B. Nixon, **and Resolved,** .

That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry beg to state that they have perused the reports of the London, Wilson, Wellington, Hamilton, Central, Toronto, Prince Edward, Niagara and New Brunswick Districts, and they gather, from a close examination of the reports, that the Royal Craft is not making as rapid progress as we could desire, or an improvement in membership proportionate to the advance made in other branches of the craft, and none of the reports, with the exception of that from Niagara District, are this year as replete with information as those we have had in the past. Whether enthusiasm in the Royal Craft has dulled, or a wave of depression is sweeping over the land, injuring our work, as it would other branches of human affairs, is a point that may form an important factor in the reasons why we do not make the progress of other and younger organizations. Our mysteries are sublime, and the young craftsman should, after a due appreciation of the degrees in Symbolic Masonry, be taught those great truths which, hewn out of the quarries, we bring together and cement by the strengthening bond of the keystone in the Holy Royal Arch.

The reports this year, with the exception named, do not indicate that the interest is as great as it should be in Capitular Masonry. We look for Chapters of Instruction and we find none, and thus a most important part of the work is overlooked. It is by exemplification of the work that perfection can alone be reached, and when so many opportunities are offered to Grand Superintendents, and the facilities for travel are so numerous, it is to be regretted that this feature in the routine of labor has been omitted.

The official visitations of Chapters has apparently been neglected by many superintendents, and the bond of friendship, fellowship and good will, which would always be strengthened by these visits, is weakened, and our work suffers.

In London District harmony prevails, and although the number of Chapters is small the territory is extensive, and the

Grand Superintendent recommends a division of the district, giving Middlesex, Elgin and Lambton, to London District, and Essex and Kent to one to be named St. Clair. The re-division of territory is a delicate matter to deal with, and while there may be many salient reasons for the rearrangement of the Capitular map still it would be well to await the action that is proposed in another branch of Masonry and readjust at the same time.

In the Wellington District only four Chapters were visited by the Grand Superintendent; in others he was unable to through want of a quorum to hold meetings. In the case of Saugeen Chapter we advise that its warrant shall be cancelled, as on the roll there is not the requisite number of Companions to hold the warrant. The Grand Superintendent claims that other societies are sapping the vitals of Capitular Masonry and interfering with the work. Your committee are of opinion that Chapters which do not meet with regularity should be promptly dealt with, for better is it to prune the tree than disfigure the parent stem with blighted branches. In Hamilton District tranquility, earnestness and union prevail. The four Chapters were all visited, and are doing faithful work. Toronto District does not seem to have had that attention which it deserves, for only a few of the Chapters were visited officially. Spry Chapter, a new one at Alliston, will, it is claimed, be an honor by its work to the most illustrious Companion whose name it bears. The revival of Seymour Chapter, Bradford, through the energy of the Grand Superintendent will, your committee feel assured, be hailed with pleasure by Grand Chapter.

There are other Chapters in this district that will stand the infusion of new life. Wherever interest in our work flags—we must redouble our energies and success is certain.

From New Brunswick we hear that all our Chapters are prosperous and our sister in the far east greets us with that true fellowship, which, we trust, will never be severed. Central District has a favorable report and all the Chapters are in a fairly satisfactory condition. In Prince Edward three out of four of the Chapters are commended for their work by the Grand Superintendent, while he calls attention to the fact that the fourth, St. Marks, No. 26, Trenton, never meets, has lost its warrant through carelessness and is practically dormant. It appears to your Committee that there is but one course open and that the warrant should be cancelled on the books of the Grand Scribe E. From Niagara District we have an excellent

report, characteristic of R. Ex-Comp. Forbes. His suggestions to Chapters to provide themselves with Mark, Register, and Minute books is timely and will conduce to the success of the internal economy of the various Chapters. The report from Wilson District does not indicate enthusiasm in the Royal Craft. The Grand Superintendent states that two of the Chapters are dormant, and that two are in fair condition. It is to be regretted that in a district where there are so many faithful workers, so little has been done to advance that which is dear to all of us, and your Committee trust that by next year a material change for the better will be shown. The summons of death has been heard in our ranks and we miss many from our Councils. It is sad to record the absence by death of R. Ex-Comp. W. N. Kennedy, a Past Grand Superintendent, who was stricken down by the cold hand of the Great Reaper, *en route* to his Canadian home, after months of arduous service on the burning sands of the Soudan. "God's finger touched him and he slept." Others, too, have gone to the city of the dead. R. Ex-Comp. A. A. Campbell, Past Grand J ; Ex-Comps. M. H. Spencer, of Signet Chapter, Barrie ; David A. Creasor, of Georgian Chapter, Owen Sound ; R. Flood, of Doric Chapter, Newmarket ; Thos. Mayne Daly, of Tecumseh Chapter, Stratford ; S. S. McCormack, of Orangeville ; and Robert Dalby, of Elora Chapter, Elora. While with us they were kindly in advice, gentle in reproof, and earnest in their endeavors. It behooves us to take up the thread where it fell from their hands and to carry out in our daily life the principles which they were so persistent in advancing and the object which they sought to secure.

From our list of reports one is missing, that of a Companion who has distinguished himself on the field of strife, in restoring peace to a troubled land. We refer to the report of the Grand Superintendent of Manitoba District, R. Ex-Comp. C. F. Forrest. He has indeed proved himself a worthy Companion and member of this Grand Chapter. At his country's call he sprang to arms and his deeds on the field of battle will add lustre to his name and give him a place among the heroes whom the county delights to honor.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex-Comp. Thomas Sargent, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. John Ross Robertson, **and Resolved,**

That the Report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

WARRANTS.

Your Committee on Warrants beg leave to report as follows :

That we have examined the minute books of Spry Chapter, Alliston, now working under dispensation, and find them regular. Recommend that a warrant be issued.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. G. REID,
Chairman.

July 9th, 1885.

It was moved by R. Ex-Comp. Thomas Sargent, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. W. G. Reid, **and Resolved,**

That the Report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report on Grievances and Appeals as follows :—

Only one case has come before them, viz., that of R. Ex-Comp. W. Kerr vs. R. Ex-Comp. John Moore. The charge contains four specifications, the first being for misappropriation of the funds of the Masonic Hall Committee in Ottawa. The second and third specifications are for the misappropriation of funds of two members of Carleton Chapter No. 16. The fourth involves a breach of trust for goods received by him and to be disposed of for the benefit of the widow of the late M. Ex-Comp. T. D. Harington, P. G. Z.

A trial was had in Carleton Chapter, No. 16, which appears to have been regularly conducted, and resulted in the suspension of R. E. Comp. John Moore and his expulsion asked for, and no appeal from the action of the Chapter has been received from Comp. Moore.

It is therefore recommended that R. Ex-Comp. John Moore be summoned to attend the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter to show cause why he should not be expelled.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex-Comp. Thomas Sargent, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. Henry Robertson, **and Resolved,**

That the Report of the Executive Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

BENEVOLENCE.

The Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Canada on Benevolence beg leave to report :

That four applications have been presented by private Chapters on behalf of Widows and Companions for aid from the Benevolent Funds of Grand Chapter, and the Committee recommend that grants for the same be made as follows :

No. 1.—Widow of M. E. Comp. Thos. D. Harington, payable through First Principal of Ancient Frontenac Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, \$40.

No. 2.—Widow of Comp. Francis Bartlett, payable through First Principal of Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee, \$20.

No. 3.—Widow of Comp. John Cheetham, payable through First Principal of Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee, \$20.

No. 4.—Companion A. Couper, payable through First Principal of McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville, \$50.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

OTTO KLOTZ,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex-Comp. Thomas Sargent, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. Otto Klotz, **and Resolved,**

That the Report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

ON THE GRAND Z.'s ADDRESS.

The Executive Committee have had under their consideration the address of the M. E. the Grand Z. and beg leave to report as follows :

It is a matter for congratulation that though the increase in the numerical strength of Grand Chapter has not been great, peace and harmony have so uniformly prevailed amongst the Chapters that strength and permanency have been thereby assured to the Royal Craft.

The Committee are pleased to learn that the issuing of a dispensation for a new Chapter has been attended with beneficial results.

Your Committee cordially endorse the recommendation of

the M. E. the Grand Z. to extend recognition to the Grand Chapter lately established in Washington Territory, and recommend the confirmation of the appointment as representative to the Grand Chapter of Colorado.

The ready reponse of M. E. Comp. Robertson to the request of our M. E. Grand Z. in granting permission to exalt in Carleton Chapter brethren residing within his jurisdiction, is a gratifying evidence of the cordial feelings existing between these justly esteemed rulers in our Royal Craft.

The Executive Committee fully agree with the M. E. Grand Z. that the proper use of musical ceremonies will add very much to the impressiveness of our rites in the Chapters and recommend that his approval of those by Comp. Sparling be endorsed by this Grand Chapter.

The uncertainty of life which is brought so closely home to us all by the death of so many of our Companions must recall to our minds the obligation resting upon us to walk in that light which the Great Jehovah has caused to shine around us, and your Committee recommend that memorial pages be placed in our proceedings to the memory of those deceased Companions who have held office in this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Mark M. M. Lodge of England not having complied with the requirements of this Grand Chapter as to the withdrawal of warrants issued to lodges in the Province of Quebec, the Executive Committee recommend that an edict of non-intercourse be issued to the several Chapters throughout this jurisdiction.

F. J. MENET,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex-Comp. Thomas Sargent, seconded by M. Ex-Comp. Fred. J. Menet, **and Resolved,**

That the Report of the Executive Committee on the M. Ex. the Grand Z.'s address be received and adopted.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Convocation by Ex-Comp. D. H. Watt, in his absence R. Ex-Comp. James B. Nixon moved, and R. Ex-Comp. Edward Mitchell seconded, that clause 65 of the book of constitution be amended by striking out the words "Unless he be an installed Master or Past Master of a Regular Lodge nor."—Lost.

Also R. Ex-Comp. Thomas Sargent moved, and M. Ex-Comp. Donald Ross seconded, that clause 48 of the Book of Constitution be amended by inserting on the fourth line after the words (*ex-officio* members) "and the Benevolent Committee"—Carried.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the Grand Scribes acting as scrutineers of the ballot.

The following named Companions were declared duly elected :

R. E. Comp.	Thos. Sargent, Toronto,	Grand Z.
"	" Robert Hendry, jr., Kingston,	" H.
"	" R. B. Hungerford, London,	" J.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment at 12.30 p. m.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 1.15 p. m.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	Henry Macpherson,	Grand Z.	} <i>On the Throne.</i>
R. E.	" Thomas Sargent,	" H.	
"	" Robert Hendry, jr.,	" J.	

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The following Companions were nominated by the representatives from the respective districts and approved by the M. E. Grand Z. as

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

E. Comp.	David Trotter, Petrolia,	London	District.
"	Robert Ashton, Brantford,	Wilson	"
"	William Cowan, Galt,	Wellington	"
"	F. F. Dalley, Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
"	DeWitt H. Martyn, Kincardine,	Huron	"
"	Samuel Smith, Niagara Falls Sth,	Niagara	"
R. E. Comp.	Alex. Patterson, Toronto,	Toronto	"
V. E.	" J. B. Trayes, Port Hope,	Ontario	"
R. E.	" James Walters, Napanee,		
	Re-elected,	P. Edward	"
"	" Edwin Plant, Ottawa,		
	Re-elected,	Central	"
"	" Henry Duffell, St. John,		
	Re-elected,	N. Brunswick	"

In the Manitoba District, the election resulting in a tie, the M. E. the Grand Z. reappointed R. E. Comp. C. F. Forrest, Winnipeg, Manitoba District.

The election of officers was then continued with the following result :

R. E. Comp.	David McLellan, Hamilton(re-elected),	G'd. S. E.
E. "	P. J. Slatter, Toronto,	" S. N.
E. "	Peter A. Craig, Windsor,	" P. S.
R. E. "	E. Mitchell, Hamilton (re-elected),	" Treas.
E. "	John E. Harding, Stratford,	" Reg.

And by an open vote of Grand Chapter Comp. Thos. Taylor Vesey, of Windsor, Grand Janitor.

The following named Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :

R. E. Comp.	Henry Robertson,	Collingwood.
" "	John Creasor,	Owen Sound
" "	James B. Nixon,	Toronto.
" "	John Ross Robertson	Toronto.
E. "	John S. Dewar,	London.

The following named Companions were elected members of the Committee on Benevolence for the respective terms :

R. E. Comp.	Otto Klotz, Preston,	Three years.
M. E. "	Daniel Spry, Barrie,	Two "
R. E. "	J. J. Mason, Hamilton,	One year.

M. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, Past Grand Z., assisted by M. Comp. Daniel Spry, P. G. Z., and M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P. G. Z., then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers who were proclaimed with the usual Masonic ceremony.

M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, Grand Z., was then pleased to appoint the following Companions as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :

R. E. Comp.	A. G. Smyth,	London.
" "	William Forbes,	Grimsby.
" "	William Gibson,	Beamsville.
" "	William G. Reid,	Hamilton.
E. "	S. G. Fairtlough,	Kingston.

At a subsequent date the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to

notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz. :

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John Alfred Wills, Toronto,	Grand	1st Asst. Soj.
" "	Charles Z. Perry, Napanee,	"	2nd "
" "	Ichabod Baker, Stratford,	"	Sword Bea'r.
" "	Chas. H. Foster, Toronto,	"	M. of Veils.
" "	Edward E. Loosley, Grimsby,	"	Stan'd Bea'r.
" "	Wm. Henry Dunn, Prescott,	"	Dir. of Cer.
" "	Chas. Lewis Sanders, Barrie,	"	Organist.
" "	Francis Dalby, Elora,	"	Pursuivant.
" "	Robert M. Stuart, Dresden,	"	Steward.
" "	Benjamin Freer, Kincardine,	"	"
" "	Duncan Cochran, Ridgetown,	"	"
" "	Henry Bickford, Dundas,	"	"

The M: E. Grand Z. directed that each Companion elected or appointed to office not having presented himself for installation or investiture is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

MOTIONS.

Moved by R. Ex-Comp. John Ross Robertson, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. Edward Mitchell, **and Resolved,**

That this Grand Chapter, with a desire to strengthen that bond of fellowship which ever exists between all bodies of Royal Arch Masons in the world, is glad to know that the Companions in the Territory of Dakota have organized and duly constituted a Grand Chapter for that Territory which body this the Grand Chapter of Canada begs heartily to recognize and identify as one more sister added to the great roll of Grand Chapters whose object is to advance and perfect on this continent the Capitular Branch of the Masonic tree.

Moved by R. Ex-Comp. David McLellan, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. Otto Klotz, **and Resolved,**

That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky for the very handsomely bound copy of its Proceedings, being Vol. II. and from the years 1854 to 1866, inclusive, presented to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Moved by R. Ex-Comp. William Gibson, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. Otto Klotz, **and Resolved,**

That a Committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. Ex-Comp. Henry Macpherson, P.G.Z., to mark in an appropriate manner our esteem for him, and our appreciation of his valuable services as Grand Z. during the years 1883-4 and 1884-5. The M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to appoint as such Committee :

M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, Chairman.

R. E. " Henry Robertson.

R. E. " John Creasor.

Moved by M. Ex-Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by M. E. Comp. James Seymour, **and Resolved,**

That the Grand Z. appoint a Committee of three Companions to permanently invest three thousand dollars (\$3,000) now forming part of the General Account of Grand Chapter on the approval of the Grand Z.

The M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to appoint the following Companions as such Committee :

R. E. Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., Chairman.

M. E. " Daniel Spry.

M. E. " Fred J. Menet.

Moved by R. Ex-Comp. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. Ex-Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., **and Resolved,**

That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Masonic Hall Board and the Companions of the City of Hamilton for the excellent arrangements made for the holding of the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter and for the generous hospitality extended to the representatives and visitors.

NOTICES OF MOTION.,

The following Notices of Motion for next Annual Convocation were given, viz :

By R. Ex-Comp. James B. Nixon, Toronto,—

I give notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter I will move that Clause 65 of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the words " Unless he be an

Installed Master or Past Master of a Regular Lodge, nor."

By R. Ex-Comp. Wm. G. Reid, Hamilton,—

I give notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter I will move that the clause on page 12 of the Constitution in reference to the election of Grand Superintendents be amended by inserting on the first line after the word "representatives" and before the word "of" the following words: "And Past First Principals."

By R. Ex-Comp. R. B. Hungerford, London,—

I give notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter I will move that the London District be divided as follows: The Counties of Middlesex, Elgin and Lambton to constitute the London District.

The counties of Essex and Kent to constitute a new district to be named the St. Clair District.

By R. Ex-Comp. John Ross Robertson, Toronto,—

I give notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter I will move that Clause I, page 11 in the last paragraph in reference to the members of Grand Chapter after Past Z. the words "H. and J." be expunged.

By M. Ex-Comp. Henry Macpherson, Owen Sound,—

At next Annual Convocation I will move that the Constitution be amended by inserting after Section 79 the following:

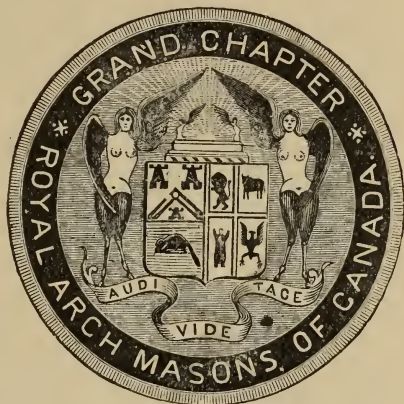
79 A.—1st, Private Chapters may, by by-law, admit their members to life membership on such terms as such Chapters may determine, and for each such life member such Chapter may pay into the Grand Chapter the sum of (\$2) two dollars, which payment shall exempt the Chapter from the payment of further dues to Grand Chapter on his behalf.

2nd. Upon such life member withdrawing from the Chapter which he originally became a life member and joining any other Chapter, such other Chapter shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Chapter on his account, nor in case he becomes a life member of such other Chapter shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor to Grand Chapter,

3rd. Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of,

and shall be amenable to discipline in the same manner as ordinary members.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended it was closed in *Ample Form* at 2.45 p. m.



David M. Lellan.
GRAND SCRIBE E.

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS ACCORDING TO LAST RETURNS.

NAME.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.	SCRIBE F.
1 Ancient Frontenac ..	Kingston. C	Third Tuesday in Nov., Feb., May & Aug.	S. G. Fairtlough ..	W. M. Drennan ..
2 The Hiram	Hamilton. H	1st Monday every m'th exc'pt July & Aug.	C. W. Mulligan	W. J. Grant
3 St. John's	London. L	4th Wed. in every m'th exc'pt Dec. 3rd	John S. Dewar	John Siddons
4 St. Andrew & St. John	Toronto. T	Third Friday of every month.	Matthew M. Elliott ..	Thomas Hills
5 St. George's	London. L	Third Tuesday in every month.	H. C. Simpson.	Wm. R. Browne ..
6 St. John's	Hamilton. H	2nd Thurs. every m'th exc'pt July & Aug.	James A. Malcolm ..	C. W. W. Fielding
7 Moira	Belleville. P.E	First Tuesday of every month.	John J. Farley.	P. C. Jones.
8 King Solomon's	Toronto. T	First Wednesday of every month.	E. T. Malone.	Alfred Minister. ..
9 New Brunswick	St. John. N.B	First Thursday of every month.	William J. Logan	D. S. Stewart.
10 St. Mark's	St. Andrews. N.B	Second Thursday of every month.	W. D. Forster.	J. R. Bradford.
11 Cataract	Kingston. C	2nd Monday in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov.	R. Bunt, jr.	W. S. Smyth.
12 Wawanosh	Sarnia. L	2nd Friday in Jan., April, July & Oct	Thos. S. Ellison.	J. J. Clement.
13 Carleton	Ottawa. C	Third Thursday of every month.	W. G. S. Reynolds ..	W. H. Morgan.
14 Oxford	Woodstock. W	Third Friday of every month.	James Sutherland.	James Wilson.
15 Mount Moriah.	St. Catharines. N	Friday on or before f. moon of every m'th	J. E. Becton.	George Burch.
16 Mount Horeb	Brantford. W	First Wednesday of every month.	Robert Ashton.	D. Curtis.
17 Grenville	Prescott. C	Second Tuesday in every month.	E. C. Feilde.	C. C. Brouse.
18 Ezra	Simcoe. W	Second Wednesday of every month.	Robert Rochester.	John Wilson.
19 Tecumseh	Stratford. H.N	Last Tuesday of every month.	A. Matheson.	I. Baker.
20 St. Mark's	Trenton. P.E	Second Wednesday of every month.	No returns.	No returns.
21 Manitou	Collingwood. T	First Friday of every month.	John Ferguson.	W. T. Toner.
22 Pentalpha	Oshawa. O	Second Friday of every month.	Robert McCaw.	C. W. Smith.
23 McCallum	Dunnville. N	Friday on or after full moon.	Wm. N. Braund.	Samuel Waltho.
24 Huron	Goderich. H.N	Third Tuesday of every month.	Isaac F. Toms.	Henry Clucas.
25 Prince Edward.	Pictou. P.E	Tuesday on or after full moon.	John Waring.	Donald Ross.
26 Waterloo	Galt. W.N	Second Monday of every month.	John Shupe.	Henry S. Howell ..
27 Signet	Barrie. T	Second Tuesday of every month.	Daniel Spry.	Robert A. Douglas ..

35	Keystone.	Whitby.	O	Third Thursday of every month.	John Stanton.	J. H. Addison.
36	Corinthian.	Peterboro.	O	Third Tuesday of every month.	Walter Paterson, jr.	Jas. Alexander.
37	Victoria.	Port Hope.	O	Second Thursday of every month.	W. B. Wallace.	J. B. Traves.
38	Seymour.	Bradford.	T	Friday on or before 1 st moon of every m th .	H. S. Broughton.	Charles Elliott.
39	Bot-ford.	Moncton.	N. &	Third Monday of every month.	J. W. Wallace.	George Ackman.
40	Guelph.	Guelph.	WN	Second Thursday of every month.	H. Lockwood.	R. Gemmell.
41	Harris.	Ingersoll.	W	First Tuesday after 1 st moon of every month.	C. H. Slawson.	W. A. Woolson.
44	Mount Sinai.	Napanee.	P. E	Wednesday after full moon.	C. Z. Perry.	J. G. Fennell.
45	Excelsior.	Colborne.	O	First Thursday of every month.	No returns.	No returns.
46	St. James.	St. Mary's.	HN	Second Wednesday of every month.	No returns.	No returns.
47	Wellington.	Chatham.	L	Second Thursday of every month.	W. L. Tackaberry.	James Birch.
48	St. John's.	Cobourg.	O	Friday on or before 1 st moon of every m th .	R. J. Winch.	George J. Stephens.
49	Elora.	Elo a.	WN	Wednesday on or after 1 st moon of every m th .	T. P. Smith.	W. Gay.
50	Saugeen.	Walkerton.	WN	Third Tuesday of every month.	Joseph Craig.	J. F. H. Gunn.
52	Prince Rupert.	Winnipeg.	M	First Thursday of every month.	John Leslie.	John J. Jackson.
53	Bruce.	Petrolia.	L	First Thursday in each month.	David Trotter.	James Peat.
54	Palestine.	St. Thomas.	L	Second Thursday in the month.	Luke Slater.	H. Kirkland.
55	Niagara.	Niagara.	N	Thursday after full moon.	Alexander Servos.	J. Alex. Hamilton.
56	Georgian.	Owen Sound.	T	Third Tuesday of every month.	Allan Cameron.	H. P. Adair.
57	King Hiram.	Pt. Colborne.	N	First Thursday of every month.	Thomas Rae.	J. C. Jordan.
58	Pembroke.	Pembroke.	C	First Monday of every month.	No returns.	No returns.
59	Sussex.	Brookville.	C	Friday on or before 1 st moon of every m th .	George Gale.	William King.
60	Doric.	Newmarket.	T	First Wednesday in month.	A. Borngasser.	P. T. Lee.
61	Granite.	Almonte.	C	Second Monday of every month.	John Elliott.	Ralph Hill.
62	York.	Eglington.	T	Thursday on or after full moon.	John Knox Leslie.	John Shepard.
63	Havelock.	Kingcardine.	HN	Third Thursday in each month.	Benjamin Freer.	Jas. S. Greenhill.
64	Willson.	Welland.	N	Last Wednesday of every month.	I. P. Willson.	M. W. Bridgman.
65	St. Paul's.	Toronto.	T	Second Wednesday of every month.	W. S. S. Jackson.	A. Douglas Ponton.
66	Seaforth.	Clinton.	HN	Friday before 1 st moon of every month.	George Ewing.	W. F. Murray.
67	Enterprise.	Harriston.	WN	Tuesday after 1 st moon of every month.	Alexander Michie.	H. H. Dewar.
68	Maitland.	Maitland.	C	Third Thrs'dy in Mar, June, Sept, & Dec.	Andrew Thos. Dunn.	William Forbes.
69	Grimsby.	Grimsby.	N	First Wed in July, Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar & May.	Edward E. Loosley.	

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.—Continued.

NAME.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.	SCRIBE E.
Grand River.....	Berlin...WN	First Mon. after full moon of every m th	Chas. Hendry.....	Alexander Miller.....
70 Prince of Wales.....	Amherstburg...L	First Wednesday on or before full moon	D. Cochran.....	George Green.....
71 Erie.....	Ridgetown...L	Wednesday on or before full moon.....	W. H. Grant.....	B. F. Sutherland.....
72 Beaver.....	Strathroy...L	Second Tuesday of every month.....	Wm. Pantom.....	James Noble.....
73 St. Clair.....	Milton...H	Second Wed. of every alternate month.....	James McGarry.....	E. Dixon.....
74 Mount Nebo.....	Niagara Falls N	Friday on or before full moon of every m th	John A. Wills.....	George Hyatt.....
75 Occident.....	Toronto...T	Second Monday of every month.....	W. Caw.....	Wm. J. Guy.....
76 Minnewawa.....	Park Hill...L	Third Monday of every month.....	J. B. Hay.....	W. M. Thompson.....
77 Orient.....	Toronto...T	Fourth Thursday of every month.....	R. Beasley.....	Alfred Hirst.....
78 Ark.....	Windsor...L	Second Monday in each month.....	J. N. Ellis.....	Joseph McNally.....
79 Aylmer.....	Aylmer...L	Friday on or after full moon of every month.....	W. J. Clarke.....	Samuel S. Clutton.....
80 Shuniah.....	P. A. Landing, HN	Friday on or before full moon.....	Joseph Reading.....	G. R. Thompson.....
81 Ionic.....	Orangeville, WN	Tuesday after full moon of every month.....	G. A. K. McLeod.....	John McLaren.....
82 Lebanon.....	Wingham...HN	First Wednesday of every month.....	J. H. Parsons.....	Benjamin Willson.....
83 Exeter.....	Exeter...HN	First Tuesday of every month.....	John Ireland.....	Charles Senior.....
84 Macpherson.....	Meaford...T	Second Thursday of each month.....	Robert M. Stuart.....	W. N. Chisholm.....
85 Wentworth.....	Dundas...H	Tuesday on or before full moon.....	D. F. Merritt.....	T. J. Bell.....
86 Macnabb.....	Dresden...L	Second Wed after full moon of every month.....	John K. Brydon.....	John H. McVean.....
87 Woodstock.....	Woodstock. N B	Third Thursday in each month.....	George John Bennett.....	D. McLeod Vince.....
88 Golden.....	Rat Portage, M	Fourth Wednesday of every month.....	T. S. Patterson.....	W. H. Carnovsky.....
89 Parkdale.....	Paudale.....T	Second Tuesday of every month.....		Wm. H. Taylor.....
90 Spry.....	Alliston.....T	Friday on or before full moon of every month.....		T. W. Howard.....

NOTE.—The capital letters on the right of “where held” column indicate the several District, viz. :—L., London ; W., Wilson ; WN., Wellington ; H., Hamilton ; HN., Huron ; N., Niagara ; T., Toronto ; O., Ontario ; P. E., Prince Edward ; C., Central ; N. B., New Brunswick ; M., Manitoba.

BALANCES IN LEDGER, JUNE 30, 1885.

ON	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	WARRANT GRANTED.	NO RETURNS.	LAST RETURNS.	AM'T THEN DUE.	CR'DIT
1	Ancient Frontenac	Kingston	A. D. 1795.	.....	May 31, 1885	.....	.....
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	" 1820.	.....	" "	.....	6 00
3	St. John's	London	" 1844.	.....	" "	.....	.....
4	St. Andrew and St. John	Toronto	" 1847.	.....	" "	1 00	.....
5	St. George's	London	" 1854.	.....	" "	.....	.....
6	St. John's	Hamilton	" 1855.	.....	" "	.....	.....
7	Moir	Belleville	" 1856.	.....	" "	.....	.....
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	" 1857.	.....	" "	.....	.....
10	New Brunswick	St. John, N. B.	Feb 24, 1859	.....	" 1884	.....	.....
11	St. Mark's	St. Andrew, N. B.	Sept 1846.	.....	" 1885	2 30	.....
12	Cataraqui	Kingston	A. D. 1859.	.....	" "	.....	2 00
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia	Feb 8, 1860	.....	Jan. 31, 1883	.....	.....
16	Carleton	Ottawa	" "	.....	May 31, 1885	20	.....
18	Oxford	Woodstock	" "	.....	" "	.....	.....
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	Feb 21, 1861	.....	" "	.....	.....
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford	" "	.....	" "	.....	.....
22	Grenville	Prescott	Feb 20, 1862	.....	" "	.....	.....
23	Ezra	Simcoe	" "	.....	" "	.....	.....
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	Aug 11, 1863	.....	Jan. 31, 1882	19 60	.....
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	Aug 14, 1866	.....	May 31, 1885	.....	.....
27	Manitou	Collingwood	.....	1874 to 1885 inclusive	Jan. 31, 1873	19 00	.....
28	Pentalpha	Oshawa	Aug 13, 1867	.....	May 31, 1885	.....	.....
29	McCallum	Dunnville	" "	.....	" 1884	.....	.....
30	Huron	Goderich	" "	.....	" 1885	13 60	.....
31	Prince Edward	Pictou	Aug 11, 1868	.....	" "	.....	5 80
				.....	" "	20	.....

BALANCES IN LEDGER, JUNE 30TH, 1885.—Continued.

ON	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	WARRANT GRANTED.	NO RETURNS.	LAST RETURNS.	AM'T THEN DUE.	CR'DIT
32	Waterloo	Galt.	Aug. 11, 1868		May 31, 1885		
34	Signet.	Barrie.	Aug. 10, 1869		May 31, 1885		
35	Keystone.	Whitby.	"	1881-82-83-84-85.	Jan. 31, 1880	9 10	
36	Corinthian.	Peterboro'	"		May 31, 1885		
37	Victoria.	Port Hope.	"		"		
38	Seymour.	Bradford.	Aug. 10, 1870	1885.	May 31, 1884	25	
39	Botsford.	Moncton, N. B.	"	1884-85	Jan. 31, 1883		
40	Guelph.	Guelph.	"		May 31, 1885		
41	Harris.	Ingersoll	"	1883-84-85.	Jan. 31, 1882		
44	Mount Sinai.	Napanee.	Aug. 9, 1871		May 31, 1885		
45	Excelsior.	Colborne.	"	1881-82-83-84-85.	Jan. 31, 1880	13 60	
46	St. James.	St. Mary's	"	1874 to 1885 inclusive	May 31, 1885	2 75	
47	Wellington.	Chatham.	"		"		
48	St. John's.	Cobourg.	Aug. 14, 1872		May 31, 1885		
49	Elora.	Elora.	"	1885.	"		
50	Saugeen.	Walkerton.	"		"		
52	Prince Rupert's.	Winnipeg.	"		"		
53	Bruce.	Petrolia.	"		"		
54	Palestine.	St. Thomas.	Aug. 13, 1873		"		
55	Niagara.	Niagara.	"		"		
56	Georgian.	Owen Sound.	"		"		
57	King Hiram.	Port Colborne.	Aug. 14, 1874		"		
58	Pembroke.	Pembroke.	"	1885.	Jan. 31, 1875	10 00	
59	Sussex.	Brockville.	"	1885.	May 31, 1884		
60	Doric.	Newmarket.	"		"		

61 Granite	Almonte	Aug 14, 1874	1885	May 31, 1885	25	.....
62 York	Eglinton	"	1885	"	"	.....
63 Havelock	Kincardine	"	1885	"	"	.....
64 Willson	Welland	Aug 11, 1875		"	1885	.....
65 St. Paul's	Toronto	"		"	"	2 00
66 Seaforth	Clinton	"		"	"	.....
67 Enterprise	Harriston	"	1884-85	Jan. 31, 1883		.....
68 Maitland	Maitland	"	1885	May 31, 1884	5 50	.....
69 Grimsby	Grimsby	"		"	1885	.....
70 Grand River	Berlin	Aug 9, 1876		"	"	.....
71 Prince of Wales	Amherstburg	"	1884	"	"	.....
73 Erie	Ridgetown	"	1885	"	1884	1 00
74 Beaver	Strathroy	"	1884-85	Jan. 31, 1883		.....
75 St. Clair	Milton	"		May 31, 1885		.....
76 Mount Nebo	Niagara Falls South	"		"	"	.....
77 Occident	Toronto	"	1885	"	1884	.....
78 Minnewawa	Park Hill	Aug 8, 1877		"	1885	.....
79 Orient	Toronto	"	1885	"	1884	.....
80 Ark	Windsor	"		"	1885	.....
81 Aylmer	Aylmer	Aug 14, 1878		"	"	.....
82 Shuniah	Pr. Arthur's Landing	"		"	"	.....
83 Ionic	Orangeville	"	1884-85	Jan. 31, 1883		.....
84 Lebanon	Wingham	"		May 31, 1885		.....
85 Exeter	Exeter	Aug 12, 1879		"	"	.....
86 Macpherson	Meaford	July 16, 1880		"	"	.....
87 Wentworth	Dundas	"		"	"	.....
88 Macnabb	Dresden	July 14, 1882		"	"	2 00
89 Woodstock	Woodstock, N. B.	July 13, 1883		"	"	.....
90 Golden	Rat Portage	"	1885	"	1884	.....
91 Parkdale	Parkdale	July 11, 1884		"	1885	.....
92 Spry	Alliston	July 10, 1885		"	"	.....

TABULAR STATEMENT EXTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1885.

No.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Admissions.	No. of Joinings.	Restr'd	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Expel'd	Deaths.	No. of Mem'bs
1	Ancient Frontenac.....	Kingston.....	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	40
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton.....	19	1	1	5	...	...	2	207
3	St. John's.....	London.....	7	...	2	1	12	...	2	89
4	St. Andrew and St. John.....	Toronto.....	6	1	1	2	4	...	...	102
5	St. George's.....	London.....	3	...	1	4	...	...	1	82
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	6	6	...	6	6	...	3	186
7	Moir.....	Belleville.....	9	...	...	2	6	...	4	104
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	5	8	...	4	12	...	...	143
10	New Brunswick.....	St. John, N. B.,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94
11	St. Mark's.....	St. Andrew's N.B.	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	22
12	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	75
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa.....	9	...	...	4	2	...	1	72
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	...	...	...	1	10	...	1	26
19	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines.....	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	73
20	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford.....	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	36
22	Grenville.....	Prescott.....	2	...	...	2	6	...	...	36
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	...	2	...	3	6	...	1	37
26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
28	Pentalpha.....	Oshawa.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
30	Huron.....	Goderich.....	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	52
31	Prince Edward.....	Pictou.....	9	2	...	3	...	...	...	48
32	Waterloo.....	Galt.....	4	...	...	2	...	...	1	34

TABULAR STATEMENT EXTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1885.—Continued.

No.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Admissions.	No. of Joinings.	Restr'd	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Expel'd	Deaths.	No. of Mem'rs
69	Grimsby.....	Grimsby.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
70	Grand River.....	Berlin.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
71	Prince of Wales.....	Amherstburg.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
73	Erie.....	Ridgetown.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
74	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
75	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	34
76	Mount Nebo.....	Niagara Falls South.....	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	26
77	Occident.....	Toronto.....	8	..	..	2	7	..	..	70
78	Minnewawa.....	Park Hill.....	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	27
79	Orient.....	Toronto.....	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	79
80	Ark.....	Windsor.....	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
81	Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....	7	..	..	1	1	..	1	25
82	Shuniah.....	Pr. Arthur's Landing.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
83	Ionic.....	Orangeville.....	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	35
84	Lebanon.....	Wingham.....	7	..	..	4	4	..	..	31
85	Exeter.....	Exeter.....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	28
86	Macpherson.....	Meaford.....	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
87	Wentworth.....	Dundas.....	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	44
88	Macnabb.....	Dresden.....	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	17
89	Woodstock.....	Woodstock, N. B.....	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	21
90	Golden.....	Rat Portage.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
91	Parkdale.....	Parkdale.....	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	25
92	Spry.....	Alliston.....	5	11	..	..	..	..	..	16
			215	36	6	86	119	..	36	3701

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on Roll.....	81
“ “ “ Represented in Grand Chapter.....	67
“ “ Registrations Reported.....	215
“ “ Joinings “.....	36
“ “ Restorations “.....	6
“ “ Withdrawals “.....	86
“ “ Suspensions “.....	119
“ “ Deaths “.....	36
“ “ Expulsions “.....	0
Total number of members on Roll of Grand Chapter.....	3701
Total amount of Receipts, 1884-85.....	\$2178.28

SUSPENSIONS.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 3.	St. John's Chapter, London.
Samuel Crawford	John Sanders,
W. H. Niles,	J. B. Cook,
S. S. Murray,	H. C. Owen,
T. P. G. Bryan,	Jos. Pigot,
John Smith,	C. F. Knapp,
J. W. Campbell,	W. J. Smyth.
No. 4.	St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, Toronto.
Joseph T. Kirby,	Marshall Macklem,
James Noble,	Robert Quinn.
No. 6.	St. John's Chapter, Hamilton.
M. A. Graham,	James Adam,
John H. Land,	Harry Burkholder,
James C. Murray,	George Gurney.
No. 7.	Moirs Chapter, Belleville.
P. D. Conger,	Wm. Davis,
Jas. S. Sprague,	Robert Elliott,
Simon Barnum,	D. Cunningham.
No. 8.	King Solomon's Chapter, Toronto.
C. C. Rockwood,	Robert Bell,
F. Clarke,	W. Parsons,
R. Lovell,	B. S. Barnard,
Wm. Gardner,	W. D. Firstbrook,
W. A. Grant,	E. G. Weekes,
John Perkins,	Jos. Foster.
No. 16.	Carleton Chapter, Ottawa.
	Thomas Williamson.

- No. 18. Oxford Chapter, Woodstock.
 John H. Brown, | William Thompson,
 Levi H. Swan, | George Walker,
 J. F. Macfarlane, | Gilbert Anderson,
 Asa Hall, | J. E. Thacker,
 Chas. E. McGie, | Thos. Johnson.
- No. 20. Mount Horeb Chapter, Brantford.
 James Tutt.
- No. 22. Grenville Chapter, Prescott.
 J. M. Walsh, | C. H. Wood,
 W. J. Thompson, | W. J. Palmer,
 W. H. Dunkin, | D. L. Fell.
- No. 24. Tecumseh Chapter, Stratford.
 C. Zoellner, | D. H. Stewart,
 J. Gibson, | W. R. Knowlton,
 W. Clarke, | F. W. Bailey.
- No. 30. Huron Chapter, Goderich.
 Robert Rhnyas.
- No. 34. Signet Chapter, Barrie.
 T. B. Newton, | George Berry,
 G. T. Bolster, | C. H. Madden,
 W. M. Curry, | J. R. Jupp,
 W. Francis, | J. World,
 A. F. Dulmage, | A. M. Empey.
- No. 36. Corinthian Chapter, Peterboro.
 Samuel S. Peck, | George L. Mitchell,
 William T. Harrison, | Luke A. C. Fisher.
- No. 47. Wellington Chapter, Chatham.
 James Samson.
- No. 52. Prince Rupert's Chapter, Winnipeg.
 C. C. Montgomery, | James Tylor,
 J. L. Reid, | W. N. Hood,
 A. McGowan, | Duncan Sinclair.
- No. 53. Bruce Chapter, Petrolia.
 James G. Nesbitt, | Walter Oliver,
 Lyman Biglow, | James Innis,
 W. A. B. Knox, | William Willcox,
 George Wright, | Hiram Cooley,
 Egerton Bowen, | Timothy Hay,
 Thos. Wood.
- No. 55. Niagara Chapter, Niagara.
 Joseph Brown, | E. H. Thompson.

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| No. 60. | Doric Chapter, Newmarket.
Andrew Moyer Hood. |
| No. 65. | St. Paul's Chapter, Toronto.
Henry E. F. Caston. |
| No. 66. | Seaforth Chapter, Clinton. |
| Thos. R. Anderson, | R. A. Barton,
John Macwhirter. |
| No. 77. | Occident Chapter, Toronto. |
| R. Taylor,
Thomas Grimes,
W. G. Denison, | Joseph Smith,
Hugh Ross,
D. McKenzie,
Alfred Beddow. |
| No. 81. | Aylmer Chapter, Aylmer.
Thomas Bennet |
| No. 84. | Lebanon Chapter, Wingham. |
| B. Flynn,
Andrew Green, | H. W. Lowes,
Wm. Smith. |

SUSPENSION, UNMASONIC CONDUCT

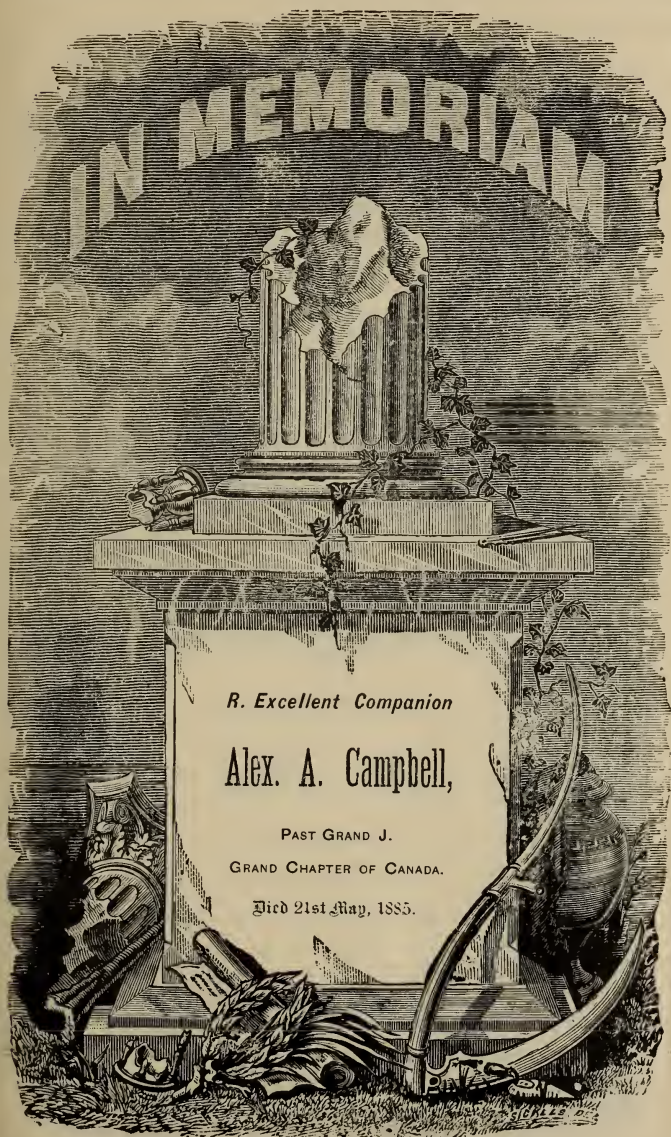
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| No. 16. | Carleton Chapter, Ottawa.
John Moore. |
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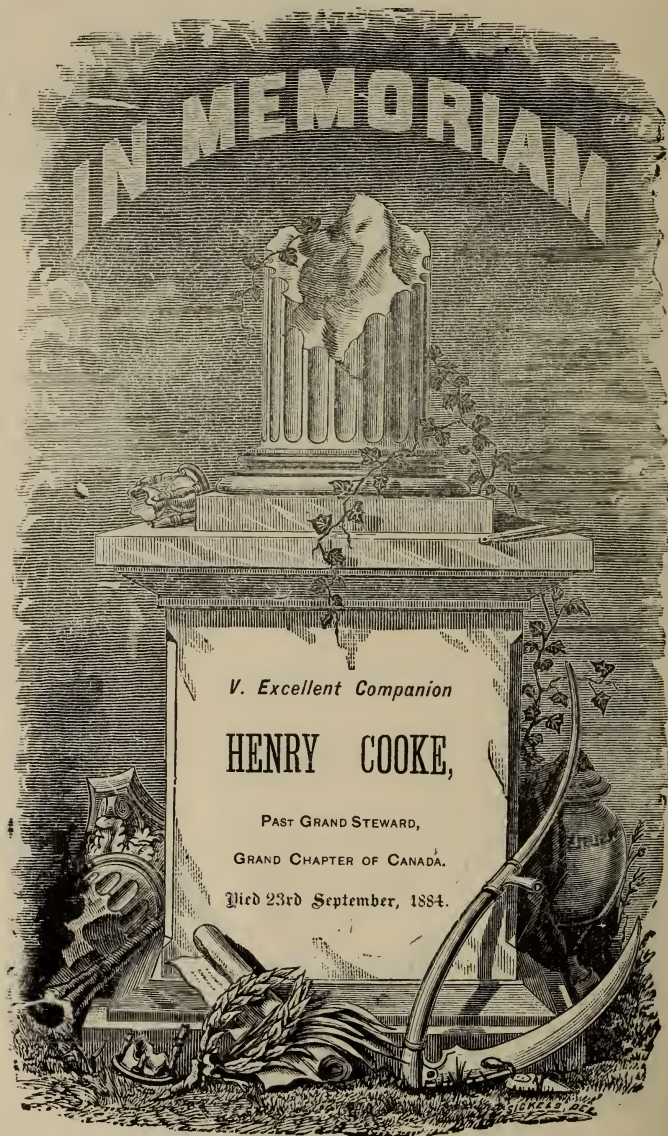
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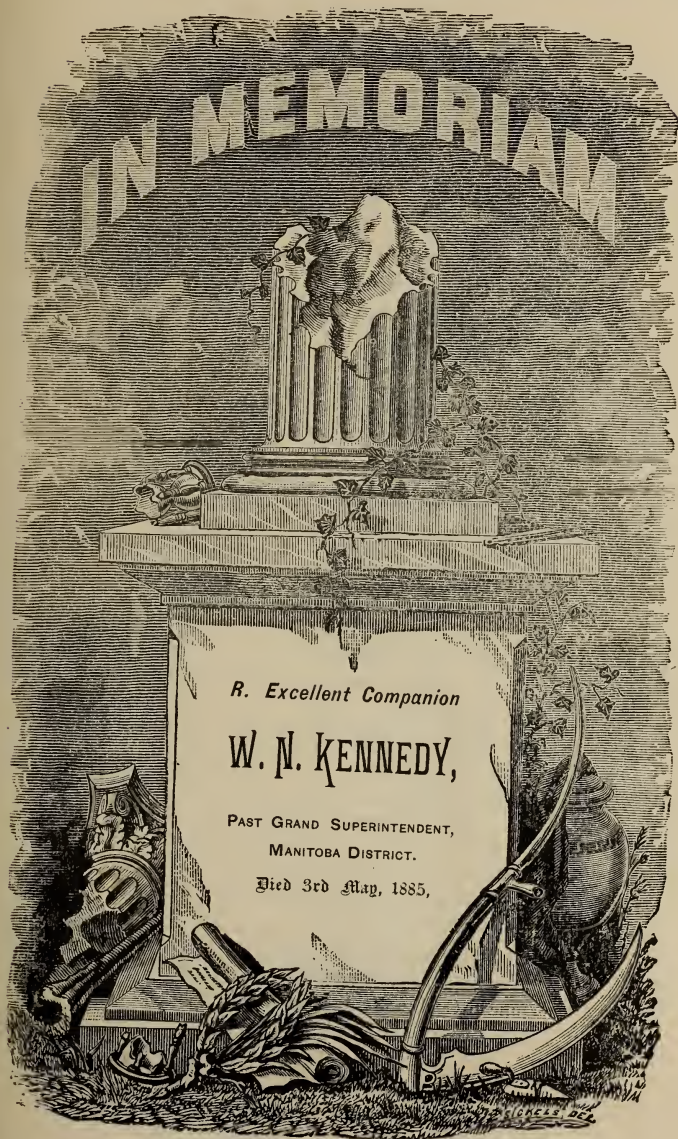
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| No. 1. | Ancient Frontenac Chapter, Kingston.
Samuel McCammon. |
| No. 2. | The Hiram Chapter, Hamilton.
W. F. Murray. |
| No. 3. | St. John's Chapter, London. |
| Samuel Crawford, | \| J. B. Cook. |
| No. 4. | St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, Toronto.
George Graham. |
| No. 5. | St. George's Chapter, London.
James Sutton. |

AT REST.

NAME.	NAME AND NUMBER OF CHAPTER.	DATE.
McKeown, Jno.....	2, The Hiram.....	Oct. 17, 1884.
Bauer, Henry.....	2, " ".....	March 22, 1883.
Peel, Thomas.....	3, St. John's.....	Dec. 24, 1884.
McPhail, D.....	3, " ".....	Nov. 27, 1884.
Heron, Jas.....	5, St. George's.....	Jan. 28, 1885.
Cherry, Wm.....	6, St. John's.....	Nov. 20, 1884.
Gould, J. B.....	7, Moira.....	No date.
Clark, J. D.....	7, " ".....	Oct. 24, 1884.
Starling, C. J.....	7, " ".....	April 22, 1885.
Campbell, A. A.....	7, " ".....	May 21, 1885.
Wilkinson, A. W.....	11, St. Mark's.....	Jan. 20, 1884.
Lorimer, Edward...	11, " ".....	Feb. 12, 1883.
McPhadden, Robt..	16, Carleton.....	April, 1885.
Carroll, Robt W. W.	18, Oxford.....	Sept. 13, 1879.
Gannon, Christopher	19, Mount Moriah..	June 5, 1884.
Daly, T. M.....	24, Tecumseh.....	March 4, 1885.
Cook, Henry.....	30, Huron.....	Sept. 23, 1884.
Kennedy, Angus....	32, Waterloo.....	No date.
Spencer, M. H.....	34, Signet.....	Feb. 10, 1885.
Bartlett, Francis....	44, Mt. Sinai.....	Dec. 31, 1884.
Vaux, John.....	47, Wellington.....	April 5, 1885.
Reynolds, Thomas..	47, " ".....	Oct. 14, 1884.
Thomas, H. L.....	47, " ".....	No date.
Barber, J. R.....	48, St. John's.....	Feb. 9, 1885.
Pringle, Geo.....	48, " ".....	March 31, 1885.
Dalby, Robert.....	49, Elora.....	Nov. 6, 1884.
Christie, Alex.....	52, Prince Rupert's..	July 19, 1884.
Creasor, D. A.....	56, Georgian.....	Dec. 29, 1884.
Flood, Richard.....	60, Doric.....	Jan. 13, 1885.
Marshall, Wm. Lloyd	60, " ".....	Feb. 4, 1885.
Turner, Daniel.....	61, Granite.....	March 27, 1885,
Macomb, Thos. H..	64, Willson.....	May 28, 1885,
Weisbrod, John C....	81, Aylmer.....	Oct. 1, 1883,
McCormack, S. S....	83, Ionic.....	Dec. 2, 1884,







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"	F. F. Dalley, Hamilton,	"	Hamilton "
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"	Alex. Patterson, Toronto,	"	Toronto "
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"	James Walters, Napanee,	"	P. Edward "
"	Edwin Plant, Ottawa,	"	Central "
"	Henry Duffell, St. John,	"	N. Bruns'k "
"	C. F. Forrest, Winnipeg,	"	Manitoba "
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"	Edward Mitchell, Hamilton,	"	Treasurer.
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"	Edward E. Loosley, Grimsby,	"	Standard Bearer.
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"	Chas. Lewis Sanders, Barrie,	"	Organist.
"	Francis Dalby, Elora,	"	Pursuivant.
"	Robert M. Stuart, Dresden,	"	Steward.
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"	Duncan Cochran, Ridgetown,	"	"
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“	“ Wm. Gibson,	Beamsville.
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Connecticut,	" "	Donald Ross,	Picton.
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Minnesota,	M. E. "	Fred. J. Menet,	Toronto.
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Nebraska,	" "	J. Ross Robertson,	Toronto.
New Hampshire,	" "	David McLellan,	Hamilton.
New Jersey,	M. E. "	Daniel Spry,	Barrie.
Nevada,	R. E. "	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton.
New York,	" "	H. Robertson,	Collingwood.
North Carolina,	" "	Jas. Wilson,	Toronto.
Nova Scotia,	" "	Robert Hendry, jr.,	Kingston.
Ohio,	V. E. "	H. A. Mackay,	Berlin.
Oregon,	R. E. "	R. J. Hovenden,	Toronto.
Pennsylvania,	" "	Donald McPhie,	Hamilton.
Quebec,	M. E. "	Daniel Spry,	Barrie.
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Tennessee,	R. E. "	Wm. Gibson,	Beamsville.
Texas,	" "	R. Brierley,	Hamilton.
Virginia,	" "	Wm. Brydon,	Rat Portage.
Vermont,	" "	Jas. B. Nixon,	Toronto.
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West Virginia,	M. E. "	S. B. Harman,	Toronto.
Wisconsin,	R. E. "	Gavin Stewart,	Hamilton.
Scotland,	" "	J. K. Kerr,	Toronto.
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Grand Chapters.		Representatives.	Residences.
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Arkansas,		" " Geo. L. Kimball,	Dardanelle.
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Florida,	M.	" " Robt. J. Perry,	Key West.
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Illinois,	R.	" " Jas. H. Miles,	Chicago.
Indiana,		" " E. L. McLallen,	Columbia City.
Iowa,	R.	" " Jas. W. Wilson,	Newton.
Ireland,	" "	" " J. H. Neilson,	Dublin.
Kansas,			
Kentucky,	M.	" " H. R. French,	Mt. Sterling.
Louisiana,	R.	" " Andrew Hero, jr.,	New Orleans.
Maine,	M.	" " Andrew J. Fuller,	Bath
Maryland,		" " J. M. Carter,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	R.	" " Edwin Wright,	Boston.
Minnesota,		" " Orville G. Miller,	St. Paul.
Mississippi,	M.	" " A. H. Barkley,	Crawfordsville
Missouri,	R.	" " M. A. Fyke,	Clinton.
Nebraska,	" "	" " H. P. Duel,	Omaha.
New Hampshire,	" "	" " A. Baker,	Lebanon.
New Jersey,	M.	" " W. H. McIlhaney,	New York.
Nevada,	R.	" " S. W. Chubbuck,	Gold Hill.
New York,	" "	" " John S. Bowen,	Brooklyn.
North Carolina,		" " Chas. C. Clarke,	New Berne.
Nova Scotia,		" " L. F. Darling,	Halifax.
Ohio,	R.	" " C. A. Woodward,	Cleveland.
Oregon,		" " Donald McKay,	Portland.
Pennsylvania,	R.	" " Thos. R. Patton,	Philadelphia.
Quebec,	" "	" " Thos. Milton,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	" "	" " W. R. Greene,	Providence.
South Carolina,		" " J. M. Bratten, M. D.	Charlestown.
Tennessee,		" " Elihu Edmundson,	Pulaski.
Washington T. r.,			
Texas,		" " Henry Scherffius,	Houston.
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Dakota	Wm. Blatt, Yankton	Thos. J. Wilder, Casselton	
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Georgia	W. A. Graham, Fort Gaines	J. Emmett Blackshear, Macon	
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Kansas	Jacob DeWitt, Salina	John H. Brown, Wyandotte	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Charles E. Dunn, Louisville	Joseph H. Branham, Louisville	Hiram Bassett, Millersburg.
Louisiana	Alfred Shaw, New Orleans	Jas. C. Batchelor, New Orleans	Joseph Potts Hornor, New Orleans
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LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS.

NO. 1—LONDON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. David Trotter, Petrolia.

No. 3, St. John's, London.....	Middlesex County.
" 5, St. George's, London.....	" "
" 15, Wawanosh, Sarnia.....	Lambton "
" 47, Wellington, Chatham.....	Kent "
" 53, Bruce, Petrolia.....	Lambton "
" 54, Palestine. St. Thomas ...	Elgin "
" 71, Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.....	Essex "
" 73, Erie, Ridgetown.....	Kent "
" 74, Beaver, Strathroy.....	Middlesex "
" 78, Minnewawa, Park Hill.....	" "
" 80, Ark, Windsor.....	Essex "
" 81, Aylmer, Aylmer.....	Elgin "
" 88, Macnabb, Dresden.....	Kent "

NO. 2—WILSON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Robert Ashton, Brantford.

No. 18, Oxford, Woodstock.....	Oxford County.
" 20, Mount Horeb, Brantford	Brant "
" 23, Ezra, Simcoe.....	Norfolk "
" 41, Harris, Ingersoll.....	Oxford "

NO. 3—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. William Cowan, Galt.

No. 32, Waterloo, Galt.....	Waterloo County.
" 40, Guelph, Guelph.....	Wellington "
" 49, Elora, Elora	" "
" 50, Saugeen, Walkerton.....	Bruce "
" 67, Enterprise, Harriston.....	Wellington "
" 70, Grand River, Berlin.....	Waterloo "
" 83, Ionic, Orangeville.....	Wellington "

NO. 4—HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. F. F. Dalley, Hamilton.

No. 2, The Hiram, Hamilton....	Wentworth County
" 6, St. John's, Hamilton....	" "
" 75, St. Clair, Milton.....	Halton "
" 87, Wentworth, Dundas.....	Wentworth "

NO. 5—HURON DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. DeWitt. H. Martyn, Kincardine.

No. 24, Tecumseh, Stratford.....	Perth County.
" 30, Huron, Goderich.....	Huron "
" 46, St. James', St. Mary's..	Perth "
" 63, Havelock, Kincardine.....	Bruce "
" 66, Seaforth, Clinton.....	Huron "
" 82, Shuniah, Prince Arthur's Landing.....	Algoma District.
" 84, Lebanon, Wingham.....	Huron County.
" 85, Exeter, Exeter.....	Huron "

NO. 6—NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. S. Smith, Niagara Falls S.		
No. 19, Mount Moriah, St. Catharines....	Lincoln	County.
" 29, McCallum, Dunnville....	Monck	"
" 55, Niagara, Niagara.....	Niagara	"
" 57, King Hiram, Port Colborne.....	Welland	"
" 64, Willson, Welland.....	Welland	"
" 69, Grimsby, Grimsby.....	Lincoln	"
" 76, Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls South....	Welland	"

NO. 7—TORONTO DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Alex. Patterson, Toronto.		
No. 4, St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.....	York	County.
" 8, King Solomon's, Toronto.....	"	"
" 27, Manitou, Collingwood.....	Simcoe	"
" 34, Signet, Barrie.....	"	"
" 38, Seymour, Bradford....	"	"
" 56, Georgian, Owen Sound.....	Grey	"
" 60, Doric, Newmarket.....	York	"
" 62, York, Eglington	"	"
" 65, St. Paul's, Toronto.....	"	"
" 77, Occident, Toronto.....	"	"
" 79, Orient, Toronto.....	"	"
" 86, Macpherson, Meaford.....	Grey	"
" 91, Parkdale, Parkdale.....	York	"
" 92, Spry, Alliston.....	Simcoe	"

NO. 8—ONTARIO DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. B. Traves, Port Hope.		
No. 28, Pentalpha, Oshawa.....	Ontario	County.
" 35, Keystone, Whitby.....	"	"
" 36, Corinthian, Peterboro'..	Peterboro'	"
" 37, Victoria, Port Hope.....	Durham	"
" 45, Excelsior, Colborne.....	Northumb'd	"
" 48, St. John's, Cobourg	Northumb'd	"

NO. 9—PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Jas. Walters, Napanee.		
No. 7, Moira, Belleville.....	Hastings	County.
" 26, St. Mark's Trenton.....	"	"
" 31, Prince Edward, Picton....	Pr. Edward	"
" 44, Mount Sinai, Napanee.....	Lennox	"

NO. 10—CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Edwin Plant, Ottawa.		
No. 1, Ancient Frontenac, Kingston....	Frontenac	County.
" 12, Cataraqui, Kingston.....	"	"
" 16, Carleton, Ottawa.....	Carleton	"
" 22, Grenville, Prescott.....	Grenville	"
" 58, Pembroke, Pembroke.....	Renfrew	"
" 59, Sussex, Brockville.....	Leeds	"
" 61, Granite, Almonte.....	Lanark	"
" 68, Maitland, Maitland	Grenville	"

NO. 11—NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Henry Duffell, St. John.
 No. 10, New Brunswick, St. John.....St. John, N. B.
 “ 11, St. Mark's. St. Andrew's.....St. Andrew's, N.B.
 “ 39, Botsford, Moncton.....Westmoreland “
 “ 89, Woodstock, Woodstock.....Carleton, “

NO. 12—MANITOBA DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. C. F. Forrest, Winnipeg.
 No. 52, Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.....Manitoba.
 “ 90, Golden, Rat Portage.....Keewatin.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

SUCCESSION OF GRAND OFFICERS FROM 1879 TO DATE.

RANK.		1878-79.	1879-80	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
M. E. Grand	1st Prin. Z	Fred. J. Menet....	Daniel Spry....	Daniel Spry....	Donald Ross....	Donald Ross....	Henry Macpherson.	Henry Macpherson.	Thos. Sargent.
R. E. "	2nd " H	Daniel Spry....	Donald Ross....	Donald Ross....	Henry Macpherson.	Henry Macpherson.	Thos. Sargent....	Thos. Sargent....	Robert Hendry, jr.
"	3rd " J	Donald Ross....	Henry Macpherson.	Henry Macpherson.	Thomas Sargent....	Thos. Sargent....	Robert Hendry, jr.	Robert Hendry, jr.	R. B. Hungerford.
"	Scribe E.	David McLellan....	David McLellan....	David McLellan....	David McLellan....	David McLellan....	David McLellan....	David McLellan....	David McLellan.
"	" N	William Forbes....	John Fisher....	John R. Robertson.	G. J. Duncan....	Geo. Hodgetts....	Alex. Patterson....	Otto Klotz....	P. J. Slatter.
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"	Treasurer	Edward Mitchell....	Edward Mitchell....	Edward Mitchell....	Edward Mitchell....	Edward Mitchell....	Edward Mitchell....	Edward Mitchell....	Edward Mitchell.
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"	Sword Bearer....	Samuel Woods....	John Moore....	George J. Waugh	John Inglis....	J. B. Traves....	John Wilson....	Andrew Park....	Ichabod Baker.
"	Master of Veils				R. B. Hungerford..	W. T. Bray....	Wm. Panton....	Wm. G. S. Reynolds.	Chas. H. Foster.
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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HENRY ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Canada :*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to present their annual report on the proceedings and transactions of other Grand Chapters which have been placed in their hands for review.

Taking the Grand Chapters in alphabetical order, the report commences with the Grand Chapter of

ALABAMA.

The 58th Convocation was held at Montgomery, December 2nd, 1884.

M. E. Comp. W. S. Foster, G. H. P.

The constitution was amended so that no Companion can hold the office of Grand High Priest for more than two years in succession.

The business transacted was entirely local in character.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. P. J. Pillans, and notices our proceedings for 1884. In his notice of Illinois, we find the following sensible remarks :

“Companion Theodore T. Gurney, as usual, made the report on correspondence, and Alabama meets with due attention, and is courteously handled. In his notice of it, however, we find the following :

Companion Jenkins falls into the common error of speaking of the Chapter as an ‘Order.’ Orders, relating to organizations, refer to knight-hood and ecclesiastics. The term is also used to denote a division of natural objects, and in the description of architecture ; but Masonry is a

fraternity, pure and simple, not an Order. Will some of our cotemporaries express themselves upon the question?

We have frequently seen similar sentiments set forth, yet we have been at a loss to imagine why well informed masons, as these writers usually are, should have concluded that this was not an 'Order,' or that this term was at all of recent application. We refer the Companion to the charge of the very first degree, and then we find that while the Initiate is still upon the gound, or checkered floor, he is congratulated upon 'being accepted into this ancient and honorable 'Order.' He is also solemnly charged to 'keep sacred and inviolable the mysteries of the Order.' This address is claimed to have no recent origin but to have been used away back in the dim ages of the past. We therefore beg Companion Gurney to moderate his objections to the use of the term."

M. E. Comp. W. S. Foster (Mobile), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre (Montgomery), G.S.

ARKANSAS.

The 35th Convocation was held at Little Rock, November 27th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. George L. Kimball, G.H.P., opens his address with an eloquent tribute of affection to the memory of their distinguished Companion, Elbert H. English, Past G.G.H.P., from which we make the following extract :

"As a Mason his reputation was not merely local, but national and world wide. We all admired him for his honesty, integrity and Spartan virtues, and also for the wise and impartial manner and the unvarying courtesy with which he ever discharged the high and important trusts confided to his hands. His reasoning powers were unusually strong, and his command of language good, and in the discussion of the great principles underlying the body of our Institution showed a calm, clear, judicial sense, equal at all times to the requirements of the question before him. Never hasty in the formation of his opinions ; always courteous, charitable and conciliatory. His profound knowledge of the history and literature of Masonry, its ancient landmarks, its growth and developments and its jurisprudence, together with a keen appreciation of the beautiful in nature and art, and a rare imagination, enabled him not only to present his views with peculiar force and power, but to illustrate them with gems of thought resplendent with grace and beauty."

Comp. Kimball also says :

"I am pleased to state that within our jurisdiction harmony prevails, and that no serious question of a disturbing nature has been brought under my notice to mar our peace. I am happy to notice such a goodly number in attendance, and the large number of intelligent men from every station in life who have withdrawn from their vocations during the present week, to counsel together in the interests of the fraternity, attests the powerful influence which Freemasonry has over its votaries.

This organization, like many other, depends upon the general prosperity of the country, and is affected more or less by the same influences that disturb business relations and render results uncertain. Notwithstanding the depressed state of affairs and the unfavorable circumstances under

which nearly every branch of industry has been prosecuted during the past year, when many branches of agriculture, commerce and manufacture have been so paralyzed that the prosperity of the whole country has been seriously affected, I feel warranted in saying that the fraternity has made as good progress as we could reasonably hope for under the circumstances, and trust the gain will prove permanent and beneficial.

I am satisfied that nothing so greatly tends to create enthusiasm and healthy emulation among Masonic Bodies, of whatever grade, as frequent visits of Grand Officers, and am of the opinion that each Subordinate Body should be visited at least once a year, by one or more Grand Officers, and if the Grand High Priest, Deputy, King or Scribe can not perform this duty, then let the Grand Lecturer be paid a sufficient salary to enable him properly to attend to it, and the result will be beneficial to the prosperity of the Craft. In connection with this, I would urge upon the members of both Lodge and Chapter to never miss attendance at the stated meetings of either body when within your power to be there. My observation is that a Royal Arch Mason who is punctual in his attendance at the Lodge, is also punctual in attending the meetings of the Chapter. Acquire a habit regular and punctual and that habit begets a desire to participate in all that pertains to the advancement of the good of the Order. It is not only your right, but your duty to be there as often as you can without injury to your own interests."

The Grand Chapter resolved that hereafter no Companion should be eligible to any of the four chief offices in the Grand Chapter who has not served as the presiding officer of a Chapter.

The communication from the Grand Chapter of Portugal was laid over and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Quebec was sustained.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were voted to Comp. R. E. Salle, for his Report on Foreign Correspondence, but their finances would not permit of its publication.

The Finance Committee reported that the revenue was not sufficient to pay mileage and per diem and the other necessary expenses, and they recommended that the per capita tax should be raised to fifty cents, or the law paying mileage and per diem repealed.

The following resolutions and report were adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the granting of a dispensation by the Grand High Priest to Companions on petition for a new Chapter, shall work the absolute severance of membership of said Companions petitioning for said dispensation, from their former Chapter, and all resolutions and edicts to the contrary are hereby repealed."

"*Resolved*, That article 6 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter shall be made to read as follows :

The fees from Subordinate Chapters to this Grand Chapter shall be as follows to wit : Two dollars for each exaltation ; one dollar for every affiliation, and fifty cents annually for each member belonging to the Chapter."

"In reference to the third decision, your Committee, for the benefit of other Jurisdictions, state that in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, upon failure of a member of a Lodge for twelve months to pay his dues, he is suspended by operation of the Uniform Code of By-Laws, until he pays, and this is only a suspension from Membership and not from the privileges of Masonry. If, however, in this Jurisdiction, charges should be preferred, and on vote thereon should he be suspended for defrauding his Lodge in persistently refusing to pay dues, when able, such suspension would of course suspend him in the Chapter, where the certificate of the Secretary of the Blue Craft must of necessity be exhibited.

In regard to the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, that Past Grand High Priests be authorized to open and preside in Chapters, we approve the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

That in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe of a Chapter, any Past High Priest may open and preside in the same."

The third decision mentioned in the above report states that a Companion who has been suspended by his Lodge for non-payment of dues is not thereby deprived of his right to sit in Chapter.

M. E. Comp. Logan H. Roots (Little Rock), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. James A. Henry (Little Rock), G. S.

COLORADO.

The 10th Convocation was held at Denver, September 18th, 1884.

The address of the Grand High Priest, Comp. E. B. Newnam, brief and business-like. We extract as follows :

"Among the few questions I have been requested to answer during the year I deem it sufficient to report only three :

1st, I decided that a "High Priest elected to succeed himself should be reinstalled.

2nd, That any Royal Arch Mason in good and regular standing is eligible to the office of High Priest in his Chapter.

3rd, That a vote of the Chapter is not necessary to reinstate a Companion who has been suspended for non-payment of dues after the same were paid, and that a local law requiring a two-thirds vote for such rein statement is not in accordance with general usage and should be abolished.

The only thing of an unpleasant nature to which my attention has been called is the question of jurisdiction. I have had some correspondence with San Juan Chapter No. 15, at Durango, and Lake City Chapter No. 9, in reference to their jurisdiction over Silverton, which is geographically a few miles nearer Lake City than it is to Durango. From all the information I have been able to obtain Silverton and Lake City are separated by a mountain barrier nearly twelve thousand feet high, impassable in winter, and having no public means of conveyance even in the summer season ; while, on the other hand ; Silverton and Durango are connected by railroad, with daily trains running, which makes it possible to go to Durango in the evening in time to receive the degrees, and return the next morning, at an expense of about ten dollars, Silverton and Lake City are also connected by rail, but the distance by this means of conveyance is about four hundred

miles, and the round trip will cost about one hundred dollars. If you find the foregoing to be a correct statement of the situation I would respectfully recommend that San Juan and Lake City Chapters be given concurrent jurisdiction over Silverton. I herewith submit my correspondence from which my information is obtained.

I desire to call the attention of this Grand Body to what to me seems to be a necessity. That is, a law requiring Chapter Masons to learn the lectures of each degree before being advanced. There is on the part of many subordinate Chapters a growing disposition to hurry their applicants through as fast as possible, frequently conferring two degrees on the candidate at one meeting. The low financial condition of many chapters is, perhaps, considered a good reason for this hurried way of making members. The result is bad for the individual members, and also for the Chapter. Comparatively a few only are sufficiently informed as to be able to prove themselves rightful members. I think it is essential for the protection of caputlar Masonry against the possibility of imposition that all should be required to be well posted in order to avail themselves of the right to visit and be received as Chapter Masons."

The following new by-law was adopted :

"SEC. 4. The Grand Officers, members of the committee of M. Correspondence, M. Jurisprudence and the officer highest in rank representing each subordinate Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction shall be entitled to receive the sum of three dollars per day for each day's actual attendance at the sessions of the Grand Chapter. He shall also receive his actual traveling expenses, provided the same be not paid by the Grand Lodge.

Provided no one shall draw pay both as Grand Officer and Representative."

Quebec was sustained.

San Juan Chapter and Lake City Chapter were given concurrent jurisdiction over the Silverton District.

We are fully in accord with the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. It represents the most advanced thought on this subject : We are glad to notice that this report was adopted by the Grand Chapter :

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address relating to affiliation in the Blue Lodge being requisite for Royal Arch Masons in good standing, beg leave to report :

That so far as we know no losses have occurred to the Blue Lodges on account of the existence of the present law, nor do we think any will occur.

We do not think the Grand Chapter should legislate for the Grand Lodge. The latter is competent, and never hesitates to exercise its competency in legislating to protect its own membership. It has a By-Law threatening the loss of all Masonic rights to the non-affiliate. Yet it permits dimission upon application, and being free from dues and charges. If this condition is satisfactory to the grand lodge itself, we conceive that it should be to the Grand Chapter, and that the latter should not go out of its way to enact a more rigid statute than the Grand Lodge has.

This same question came up in the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held in this hall in August of last year. The resolution proposed was as follows : 'Resolved that membership in a Chapter should

be dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Free-masons' The General Grand Chapter, composed of the best thinkers in Royal Arch Masonry in America, laid the resolution upon the table.

When the Grand Chapter requires Royal Arch Masons to be in good standing as Master Masons, it does all that it ought to do in the opinion of your committee, and we recommend that no further action be taken."

M. E. Comp. Horace N. Banks (South Pueblo), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Ed. C. Parmelee (Georgetown), G.S.

DAKOTA.

A Masonic Convention of Royal Arch Masons was held at Sioux Falls, Dakota Territory, February 24th, 1885.

Twelve Chapters were represented and there were four others not represented.

After the preliminary and routine proceedings had been properly performed, the constitution was taken up, read and discussed clause by clause, and finally unanimously adopted by the convention.

One clause provides that no companion shall be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest for more than two years successively.

Another clause as to objections we copy :—

"SEC. 14. Whenever an objection is made, either in Chapter or to the High Priest thereof, by a companion of said Chapter, to conferring the degree of Mark Master, upon a brother duly elected to receive the Chapter degree, it shall be valid, and if not withdrawn within sixty days shall be entered of record, and shall be deemed equivalent to a rejection, and the fee shall be returned to the applicant with notice of the fact, and he shall not again apply for the degrees in any Chapter in this jurisdiction, for the space of six months from the date of such rejection. No demand can be made of the objector to disclose the reason for such objection, either by the High Priest or the Chapter. In case objection is made as above to the advancement of a brother who has already received any of the Chapter degrees, the objector shall be asked to give his reasons for such objection, after which the High Priest shall put the question as follows : " Shall the objection be sustained ?" Which vote shall be taken by ball ballot. If it shall appear that one-third of the members present are in favor of sustaining the objection it shall be so entered upon the record, and the remaining degrees shall not be conferred, unless by unanimous consent of the Chapter, expressed by ballot at a Stated Convocation, notice of which shall be given at the preceding Stated Convocation. If the objection is not sustained by a vote of one-third of all the members present, the High Priest may proceed to confer the degrees, unless charges are preferred, in which case advancement must be stayed until final proceedings are had on the charges."

Officers were then elected and appointed, and the convention was declared adjourned.

Comp. Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa, being present, then read a dispensation from the General Grand High Priest,

authorizing these proceedings, and constituted the Grand Chapter of Dakota, and installed the officers thereof. The Constitution adopted by the Convention was then adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Resolutions were adopted as follows :—

“ *Resolved*, That M. E. Grand H. Priest promulgate or cause to be promulgated in this jurisdiction the esoteric work of the Chapter, as exemplified during this convocation, which is hereby declared to be the esoteric work of this Grand jurisdiction. ”

“ *Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Chapter here acknowledged, be tendered to M. E. Comp. Theodore S. Parvin, for his invaluable services and kindly words ”

“ *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be and hereby are extended to the Brethren and Companions of Sioux Falls for the use of their splendid Lodge rooms, and for the fraternal courtesies received at their hands during the entire session. ”

“ *Resolved*, That the M. E. Companion Theodore S. Parvin be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for publication with the proceedings, his address to the Grand body here convened at its constitution and installation this 25th day of February, A. D. 1885. ”

“ Your Committee on Mileage and *per diem* beg leave to report that in their opinions it would be unwise at the present time for this Grand Chapter to pay mileage or *per diem*. ”

“ On motion, M. E. Comp. Theodore S. Parvin was made an honorary member of this Grand Chapter. ”

The presence of Comp. Parvin is of itself a sufficient guarantee that all things were done properly and in due Masonic order and custom, and we have very much pleasure in welcoming this addition to the ranks of the Grand Chapters, and we wish the Grand Chapter of Dakota a long continuance of harmony and prosperity. .

The principal officers are :—

M. E. Comp. William Blatt, (Yankton), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Peter Pickton (Fargo), Deputy G. H. P.

“ T. Frank Hanley (Sioux Falls), Grand King.

“ Soli. Starr (Deadwood), Grand Scribe.

“ O. N. Russell (Canton), Grand Treasurer.

“ Thomas J. Wilder (Casselton), Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

At the semi-annual convocation held on June 11th, 1884, the following amendment to the constitution was adopted :—

“ When a Brother has been elected to receive the degrees and an objection is entered against him, said objection shall be held to have the same effect as if a black ball had been cast against him, unless said objection shall be withdrawn ; and if, after one or more of the degrees shall have

been conferred upon him and an objection shall be entered against his further advancement, such objection shall be referred to a committee with power to enquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated convocation (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of such report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degrees in the same manner as if no objection had been made."

Comp. N. D. Larner, for the Triennial Committee, reported that a suitable programme had been arranged for the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, at Washington, next year. An appropriation of \$1,000 was made for the purpose.

The 18th convocation was held December 10th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. Burton R. Ross, G. H. P.

His address combines business and eloquence in suitable proportions, and in an interesting manner. He visited all the Chapters and "witnessed renewed assurances of commendable zeal for the good of the order." The officers were found to be active in "extending the knowledge of the sublime truths which our ritual inculcates."

He had no decisions to render, which fact is evidence of a gratifying degree of harmony and the progress of knowledge.

Comp. Ross recommends the recognition of the new Grand Chapter of Washington Territory. The conclusion of his address is capital:—

"As the dial of the Masonic year unerringly proclaims that the term of my official life is rapidly drawing to a close, that the time for me to doff the habiliments of authority worn during the past Capitular year is fast approaching, that the sceptre of power is about to be transferred to another, it only remains for me to enunciate that whatever measure of success has crowned my feeble efforts during my calm and tranquil administration now passing away, is largely due to the gracious courtesy, judicious advice and kind consideration granted to me at all times by the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, and I take this last opportunity to extend to them all my grateful and heartfelt thanks for their kind offices in my behalf.

Companions, you have exalted me by your suffrages far beyond my highest ambitions, and it will ever be to me a proud and pleasurable effort to so live in the future as to cause no shadow of regret to enter the mind of any who by his vote or voice has placed me at the head of this Grand Chapter.

As the graceful bow in the clouds that spans the proud dome of the sky at the close of day after a storm, catching and reflecting the gorgeous hues that each pearly raindrop receives from the slanting rays of the setting sun, gives hopeful promise of a brighter dawn, so may we so comport ourselves that the Grand Royal Arch, spanning our lives at the sunset of our mortal existence, when the storms and cares of earth have forever passed away, resplendent with the transcendent colors of the virtues inculcated in our beautiful ritual, bespeak for each and all of us a glorious and blessed immortality in the morrow of eternity."

The Committee on Grievances had nothing presented for their official action.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the evidence furnished as to the formation of the Grand Chapter of Portugal was insufficient to establish that it was a legally formed body.

Non-intercourse was declared with the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

The report of the Committee on Work in this jurisdiction is always interesting and valuable, and we give this year's report in full:—

“Your Committee on Work has the honor to report that during the past year the officers of the several Chapters have manifested the same application and devotion to the study of the ritual and ceremonial that have characterized their predecessors, and have proclaimed and taught the principles and symbolism of the degrees with an ability and enthusiasm meriting the highest consideration. The compactness of our jurisdiction, and the presence of the Grand Lecturer during the Chapter work have, no doubt, materially aided in securing this most desirable and felicitous result.

We have noticed, and with much pleasure, the more than usual attendance that remain to the close of the degrees. This is as it should be. In our opinion the lecture of a degree is its most important essential, and to retire from the Chapter chamber prior to its delivery is to lose the most important part of the degree, for we believe the lecture not only explains the forms and ceremonies, but furnishes the philosophical and moral significance of the teachings and language of the ritual, and we fear that much of the indifference and lack of interest in the workings of Masonry, on the part of a certain class of Masons, may be traced to the fact that in the ‘hurry-scurry’ to swell Chapter membership, the lecture is ‘slurred over,’ and even made ridiculous by the endeavor to economize time with the candidate.

Where a High Priest countenances such procedure, or is the agent himself, the lecture becomes a mummery, meaningless in its inductions, and fatiguing to the unfortunate few whose official position compel them to remain and listen.

It is with peculiar gratification we are able to announce that no appeals from the decision of the Grand Lecturer in matters of ritual have been presented to your Committee.

In conclusion, we desire to extend thanks to the officers of the Chapters for the courtesy and kindness extended, and to the Grand Lecturer for his valuable services in behalf of Capitular Masonry, and for his cordial co-operation with us in that direction.

JOSEPH S. McCOY, }
JOS. HAMACHER, } *Committee.*
SAMUEL BAXTER, }

Washington Territory was recognized.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, by Comp. Noble D. Larner, Deputy General Grand High Priest, and is, also as usual, written with great ability. Canada for 1884 receives marked attention.

In his notice of Iowa, he has the following energetic protest, in which he appears to be quite sound :—

“He still adheres to what seems to us a very queer doctrine, that one jurisdiction has not the power to relinquish control over one of its residents to another jurisdiction, and says that the only argument he can find in its favor is that of convenience. We must confess that we are amazed, at this late day, to find one who is bold enough to advocate this doctrine. Has it come to the point that *no power* exists whereby control can be relinquished over a resident of one jurisdiction to that of another? Various circumstances might arise which would make it proper and right that it should be done. For instance, (if you wish one,) a young man residing in Iowa, not quite twenty-one years of age, is desirous of connecting himself with the fraternity upon arriving at maturity, has made all his arrangements to that end, but from some uncontrollable cause he is suddenly, just before the time arrives when he can be permitted to take the desired step, called permanently to reside in another jurisdiction—and such cases frequently occur—is it to be said to him, No, you cannot petition to a Lodge in your new home, for we cannot relinquish jurisdiction over you. You must either return to our jurisdiction or acquire a legal residence in your new home before you can be permitted to accomplish what you have so long desired? Argument upon argument could be urged to show the unjustness of such a position; but believing, as we do, that it is not necessary to discuss the question further, we leave Comp. Winslow alone in all his glory on this question.”

M. E. Comp. Jose M. Yznaga (No. 938 F. Street, N. W.),
G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Lewis G. Stephens (Masonic Temple), G. S.

FLORIDA.

The 39th convocation was held at Jacksonville, January 19th, 1885, the time and place of meeting provided for last year having been changed by order of the Grand High Priest by virtue of a constitutional provision.

M. E. Comp. William E. Anderson, G. H. P.

He says that the year that is past has been one of peace, health and prosperity for the state, and that harmony prevails. He commends very highly Comp. John Carlovitz, the efficient Secretary of Santa Rosa Chapter at Milton, for his valuable labors in connection with the Masonic library of that Chapter, which is the most complete library in the state.

The following report was adopted :—

“The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest’s address which relates to the collection of Reports and Proceedings from the various jurisdictions in the United States, by Companion Carlovitz, Secretary of Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 6, beg to report that we heartily indorse the sentiments expressed by the M. E. Grand High Priest Anderson, and join with him in expressing the acknowledgment of this Grand Chapters, to the several Grand Chapters, for their

valuable contributions to our Masonic literature, as well as to formally extend to Companion Carlovitz the thanks of this Grand Chapter for the courtesies shown to our Grand High Priest, in the liberal use of said library.

We furthermore commend the example of Companion Carlovitz, in his zeal and love for our noble Order, as worthy of emulation throughout this Grand jurisdiction."

Non-intercourse was declared with the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

M. E. Comp. W. E. Anderson (Blackwater), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. D. C. Dawkins (Jacksonville), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

The 35th Convocation was held at Chicago, October 30th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. William L. Orr, G.H.P.

He has great pleasure in reporting that Royal Arch Masonry in Illinois is in a prosperous and healthy condition. He formed two new Chapters. His decisions were as under :

"1. Can an amendment to a By-Law be expunged from the records, after having been adopted? Answer, No. An article of, or an amendment to a by-law, after it is adopted and entered of record, cannot be expunged from the record, but can only be altered or changed in its force, by an amendment to the article so affected. No matter can be expunged from the records, but may be changed in its force by subsequent action.

2. A Companion's name was dropped from the roll of the Chapter, his place of residence being unknown ; after the lapse of seven years, the Companion appears in person, and presents evidence that he is in good Masonic standing in a Lodge of Masons, and asks to have his name restored to the roll of his Chapter. Can the Chapter place his name on the rolls and grant him a dimit ?

Answer, Yes. A Companion's name cannot, legally, be stricken from the roll without cause, charges must be preferred and trial had, in strict conformity to the forms of trial, set forth in the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, before a Companion can be deprived of his rights in the Chapter. A dimit may be granted, provided his dues are paid, and no charges pending against him. Said Chapter is also amenable to this Grand Chapter for dues of said Companion for same period.

3. Should objection be made to the installation of an officer elect, does a trial necessarily follow ?

4. Must objections be made in writing, and in form of charges and specifications ?

Answer to 3d query, Yes ; or at least an investigation must be had. Objection should not be made without a sufficient cause, and the Companion making the objection, fully able to sustain the same.

Answer to 4th query. Objection may be made verbal, but must be first put in writing before a hearing can be had."

We also copy his recommendations :

“The question of jurisdiction between Chapters is one which causes much annoyance and misunderstanding of the law.

It has been the custom, with some Chapters, to grant permission to other Chapters to receive and act upon petitions from applicants residing nearer the first-named Chapter, merely upon the grounds of convenience only to the applicant, or that the mode of travel is more comfortable. This is wrong, and should not be permitted.

Free Masonry should not be made the subject of a mere matter of convenience. These permissions are often granted without any notice to the members of a Chapter, and when only a few are present. In my opinion this is unwise, for I hold that in such instances every member should be notified of the application, and it should lie over at least one meeting.

I would recommend that this Grand Chapter take some action in regard to releasing of the rights of jurisdiction.

I would recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare a code of By-Laws for the government of this Grand Chapter. The present By-Laws are in many instances defective, as will be observed by the numerous decisions required.

I would further recommend that this Grand Chapter select a competent Companion to prepare a history of this Grand Chapter, from the date of its organization to the present time. I deem it a matter of necessity and great importance, as many of those who were conversant with the organization and early history of this body have passed away, and ere long all will be gone. It will be of great value and benefit to the present and coming generations of the Royal Craft that this history be compiled.”

Washington Territory was recognized.

Non-intercourse was declared with the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

The next item of interest appears to be rather startling. On the presentation and reception of the Report on Correspondence by Comp. T. T. Gurney, the following resolution was offered :

“*Resolved*, That all that part of the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, expressing the opinion that our Masonry is not legitimate, and that the Chapter is not regular and duly constituted, be and is hereby emphatically rejected.”

After some debate, the subject was made the special order for 3.30 p. m.

The following was then offered and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

“WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter is the only source of authority and exercises exclusive jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to Capitular Masonry in the State of Illinois, and

WHEREAS, This declaration includes the possession of, exclusive authority over, and control and custody of, all and every the esoteric and exoteric ceremonies and rituals pertaining to the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch ; and,

WHEREAS, These claims are essential to, and consistent with, the sovereign powers and dignity of this Grand Chapter, as well as to other Bodies of Masons ; therefore,

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois hereby interdicts the use or practice of any of the esoteric ceremonies or rituals, pertaining to any of the degrees over which it has jurisdiction, by any Companion of its obedience, in any Masonic Body or organization of Masons, other than this Grand Chapter or the constituent Chapters under its jurisdiction ; and be it further

Resolved, That the use or practice of any esoteric ceremony or ritual pertaining to any Masonic Body or organization of Masons, or of any degree, or degrees of Masonry, other than that of M.M., P.M., M.E.M. and R.A. are hereby interdicted in this Grand Chapter and in every constituent Chapter under its jurisdiction ; and be it further

Resolved, That any Companion violating any of the mandates herein specified shall be subject to discipline therefor."

The following Reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence were afterwards received and adopted :

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence would report that they have examined the matter referred to them, and make the following recommendations:

First, that the decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest be approved.

Second, that the matter of waiving jurisdiction over candidates by the Chapters be left where it now rests. This right, in the opinion of the committee, being supreme in each Chapter, in other words, a Chapter can waive jurisdiction to confer degrees to a sister Chapter, and this Grand Body has no right to interpose an objection thereto, under law as it now exists.

Third, that the subject of a new code of By-Laws for this body be referred to a special committee of three."

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom were referred the preamble and resolutions offered by Ex.-Companions Cregier and Ginther respectively, fraternally report, that at the last Convocation of this Grand Body, your committee reported on a resolution offered by Ex.-Comp. Pace, which resolution involved the same questions, in part, as are involved in the resolutions now under consideration ; that an intelligent report would involve an investigation amongst the legends and history of the craft, which would, in all probability force the committee to the conclusion that they could throw no light on the subject. Your committee feel, however, that the time has now arrived when the controversies growing out of the discussion of the subject matter of these resolutions must be met and definitely decided. We are of the opinion, that, to give perfect and entire satisfaction to the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, the decision, whatever it may be, shall be reached only after a careful, thorough and exhaustive consideration of the subject in all its bearings, not only as to the merits of the case, but also as to its effect on Capitular and Ancient Craft Masonry, and, recognizing the amount of labor and research necessary to arrive at a clear and satisfactory understanding, we recommend that the whole subject be referred to a committee of five members of this Grand Chapter, with instructions to report at the next Annual Grand Convocation."

At 3.30 p.m. the special order was taken up and after a lengthy debate, the following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the resolutions of Comp. Wm. E. Ginther, together with the subject matter of the Report on Correspondence, be referred to the Special Committee, already raised, who have under consideration the

resolutions of Comp. D. C. Cregier, to report at the next annual convocation ; and that in the meantime the Report on Correspondence be printed with the Proceedings of this Convocation."

On the subject of compelling every Companion to choose his Mark, the following report was adopted :

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Comp. J. R. Wilkins, relative to the matter of selecting a Mark, respectfully report that, while, in the opinion of the Committee, this appendix to the Mark Master's degree should be kept up, as it carries out the sense of the Ritual, and creates a source of interest in the work which increases with time, yet we are of the opinion that the matter is one of individual preference rather than a mandate of statutory law, and recommend that no action be taken by this Grand Chapter."

Comp. Gurney has abandoned the alphabetical arrangement of his Report on Correspondence. In the course of his opening remarks he says :

"There appears to be a lamentable disposition to cultivate the finances of the lodge at the expense of the chapter. The lodge does not ask it ; why then the necessity or propriety of our organizations enforcing affiliation in the former? The rule is of no earthly interest to the chapter ; but is a species of subserviency that by and by may, with other and like legislation, place us entirely at the *disposal* of an institution with which we do not have *any* official connection. The better plan, for *future contingencies*, is to stand upon our own foundations, and so far respect ourselves as to confine legislation to our welfare."

Canada for 1883 appears first on his list. On our new organization for the distribution of Chapter benevolence, he says :

"The "Committee for Grants of Benevolence" make a somewhat extended report, but it does not appear that action was had. It provides for a committee of three members of Grand Chapter, who are to make awards annually. Requisitions are to come through chapters. This is about the substance of the scheme. Experience has demonstrated, that these formal establishments stimulate demands for aid. It becomes the impression that there is a fund upon which indigency has claims, and the *sooner secured* the better. The committee was continued."

He asks for explanation of our rule requiring the presiding officer of a Chapter to be a past master, and thinks that this qualification is something new.

This subject is hardly a new one, as we had something to say on it in our report for 1869, and on several subsequent occasions. We are taught that the Royal Arch Degree is the "perfection and consummation" of the third degree, that it is really a part of the third degree and we require that the chief officer of a Chapter shall be an installed master so as to prevent the anomaly of placing an officer in a position to "perfect" a degree which he is not able to confer. In addition, by this rule, we obtain skilled and experienced officers to preside over our Chapters, which otherwise might not be the case. If the

Royal Arch degree is more important than that of Master Mason, so much the more important is the office of Z. (or H. P.), than that of W. M., and so much the more necessity is there for a *master over masters* to be thoroughly qualified by previous training and experience.

Comp. Gurney does not think that the time will ever come when Masons will accept the written law as an expression of the *entire* duties of Grand Masters, and he adduces some powerful arguments in support of his views. Principally that when the Grand Lodge is not in session, there must be some executive power to punish glaring infractions of the law and to act as umpire in disputes, and to which any aggrieved brother may appeal and that this executive power is most appropriately vested in the chief officer.

But Comp. Gurney seems to forget that all these powers and prerogatives and as many more as may be thought necessary or expedient, may be given to the Grand Master *in the constitution*, and that then there could be no dispute or grievance as to his exercise of any discretionary or doubtful powers.

On concurrent jurisdiction he says :

"He notices an opinion of the writer upon concurrent jurisdiction of chapters, and asks an explanation. We freely admit that it is the general practice to give a constituent body exclusive jurisdiction over candidates within its prescribed limits—half way, in a direct line, between it and its neighbors. One objection to the practice is, that it is a stimulant for new organizations. On the other hand, if a Mason desired to become a Chapter member, and was permitted to select his associations, it would estop the seeming necessity for new organizations, and surely weed out dormant and useless chapters. We thoroughly believe, that if chapters had concurrent jurisdiction within the territory of a Grand Body, they would stand or fall upon their own merits, instead of being kept in existence by virtue of a regulation that is without consequence to the best interests of the fraternity. It has been objected that such concurrent jurisdiction would enhance the difficulty in determining the qualifications of candidates. This is not necessarily true, because applications would not come from candidates wholly unknown. A Mason is not inclined to accept any such risk, but would, instinctively, go to the Chapter containing members that could vouch for his qualifications."

Comp. Gurney wants to know the reason for our rule that an unfavorable report is a rejection without ballot. Probably it is this: A majority of the members of the committee on character (at least two) must concur in the unfavorable report. If a ballot should be taken, it is reasonable to suppose that those members would not stultify themselves by casting a favorable ballot and thus allowing the admission of an applicant

whom they have found to be unworthy. Again, this committee is supposed to see that the candidate has complied with all the requirements and that he is possessed of all the necessary qualifications. The result of their investigations is not given in detail, but in general terms, as favorable or unfavorable. If the report is unfavorable from any cause whatever, the result of a ballot is a foregone conclusion and it is entirely unnecessary to go through the formality of balloting when the result would be certain rejection. Our rule saves time, prevents the absurdity of a chance favorable ballot after an unfavorable report and evinces some consideration for the feelings of the candidate by not affixing to him the stigma which is supposed to accompany a black ball.

We find the following in his notice of California. It is probably the passage which was objected to by some of the members of the Grand Chapter and which caused the lengthy discussion and reports above mentioned :

“The views of Companion English, we regret to say, were concurred in by Grand Chapter. It will occupy too much of the space allotted to this report to go into an examination of the points involved, in detail ; we therefore refer the reader to our review of Massachusetts, and the review of Ohio by Past Grand Master Robbins, to be found in our report to Grand Lodge for the present year. In that paper, and in a special report to our Grand Lodge, will be found a position upon the subject of so-called Masonic organizations upon which all can legitimately stand. We deny that there is any degree of *Masonry* beyond the symbolic lodge ; and if Companion English has not assumed otherwise, we should not seriously object to his fulmination. There is, however, but one “regularly constituted Masonic body” upon earth, the lodge. All others are but associations of Masons, to practice rites, and exercise functions peculiar to themselves, and with which the lodge does not have remote concern, affiliation or association, except that which comes, incidentally, of membership ; and if the chapter, council, commandery, and other bodies of the Scottish Rite had not usurped much of its unwritten rituals, this apparent bond of connexion which necessarily and only comes of the discipline of the lodge, would make them as distinctive of each other, as is the broad line of demarcation between it (the lodge) and the “Royal Arcanum.”

Comp. Gurney has something to say on almost every topic, rarely confining himself to extracts, always ready to give his reasons for the faith that is in him and he is possessed of ability far above the average of Masonic writers.

M. E. Comp. John A. Ladd (Sterling), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Gil. W. Barnard (Room 21, 78 Monroe St., Chicago), G. S.

INDIANA.

The 39th Convocation was held at Indianapolis, October 22nd, 1884.

M. E. Comp. Robert Van Valzah, G.H.P.

His address is an extensive and elaborate document, well written and containing a large amount of valuable information. He first gives a historical sketch of the organization and progress of Royal Arch Masonry in Indiana, commencing in 1819.

He formed two new Chapters. We also learn that this Grand Chapter does not hold to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, which is a doctrine that we have always thought an absurdity.

He recommends the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Portugal.

We copy his conclusion :

"The record of the year is made up. Peace and harmony prevail throughout this jurisdiction. Two new chapters have been added to the list, and many Master Masons have taken upon themselves the Royal Arch duties and engagements.

The fact that we are in the midst of a political canvass, and its consequent excitement, may detract attention and keep many from our meetings; it, therefore, becomes those in charge to do their work better, and thus in a measure counteract political influence.

We are inclined to think that our State is prosperous, getting better morally, mentally and physically. Masonry has done much to bring about this result, so have the Church and our schools done much for the advancement and improvement of our people. The Church and Masonry are not far apart in their ultimate aims, viz.: Morality, sobriety, and the greatest of all, charity."

A novelty appears in the shape of a report of the committee on visiting Companions :

"The Committee on Visiting Companions report that there are several visiting companions who are being looked after and taken care of and made as comfortable and happy as the situation admits."

That is certainly the proper thing to do. Our guests should be properly looked after and by proper officers detailed for that purpose, and those officers should report their proceedings. This practice seems to be a good one and worthy of being followed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence differed from the Grand High Priest as to perpetual jurisdiction, and state that one of their regulations gives perpetual jurisdiction, in cases where an applicant has been elected to receive the degrees in a certain Chapter, to that Chapter.

Portugal was not recognized.

Quebec was sustained.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. Thomas B. Long, and our proceedings for 1884 receive a good notice.

Comp. Long thinks that "the Mason who will desert his Lodge for the purpose of remaining in the so-called higher order is not far removed from the man who could forget his mother." Which is rather strong language, too strong, altogether, in our opinion.

M. E. Comp. B. F. Dawson (Angola), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. John M. Bramwell (Indianapolis), G. S.

IOWA.

The 31st convocation was held at Fort Dodge, Oct. 7th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. Clark Varnum, G.H.P.

He refused a dispensation for a new Chapter, believing that it would result in the death of both the new one and an old one.

He also refused the large majority of requests for dispensations to ballot for candidates out of time. On the degrees of Royal and Select Master, he says :—

"In concluding this subject, allow me to add my testimony to that of the many distinguished companions in this jurisdiction who have spoken thereon, and say that there can no longer be any doubt but that the plan of consolidation of Capitular and Cryptic degrees adopted by you in 1878 was a wise measure, and has, to a greater extent than could possibly have been done in any other way, extended to the craft in this jurisdiction the beautiful lessons and teachings of the Cryptic degrees.

By that consolidation the number of title factories has been diminished, while the moral lessons of the Royal and Select Master's degrees have been inculcated into the minds of a greater number of those entitled to them than could ever have been hoped had the change not been made."

We also copy his remarks on finance and visits :—

"On November 7th, 1883, I received a letter from Companion H. G. Cilley, Grand Treasurer, informing me that that the three per cent. government bonds owned by the Grand Chapter had been called (interest to cease December 15th, 1883), and inquiring if a better investment should not be looked for.

The constitution expressly providing the manner in which the surplus funds of this Grand Chapter should be invested, and no discretion being vested in any one, I declined to make any order, and am informed by the Grand Treasurer that he now has the bonds on hand.

I also deemed this the proper course, even if discretion had been given me, for the following reasons :

First—The last purchase of bonds has resulted in a net loss—the premium and express charges paid exceeding the interest received.

Second—Government four per cents. then commanded twenty-two and seven-eighths per cent. premium ; so that if the Grand Chapter invested in that issue of securities it would have to own them six years before any interest would be received on the principal sum invested.

Third—The only discretion as to investment of the surplus revenues is vested in this Grand Chapter. Seven years have elapsed since the constitution was adopted, and in that time government securities have undergone a great change. Owing to the high premium commanded by those securities, and at the very low rates of interest now paid, that character of investment is not at all profitable, and this Grand Chapter can, now having its surplus all in cash, or what can at once be converted into cash, look for better investments if, in its judgment, it should deem that the better course.

In concluding this subject, let me say that the matter of investment of our cash balances is a matter of importance, and one which I hope will receive your careful consideration.

VISITATIONS.

During my year of service as your chief officer I have made but few visits to constituent Chapters.

Being dependent on my profession for my own livelihood and the support of my family, and remembering that “it is not meant that Masonry should interfere with your necessary vocations, for these are on no account to be neglected,” my personal preferences and inclinations to visit extensively have had to give way to the urgent demands of business ; and many kindly invitations of good and true companions to meet with them have had to be declined.

This has been my chief source of regret ; for, in addition to the pleasure it would have afforded me to have spent the larger part of the capítular year in fraternal intercourse with the workers in the Royal Art, there is every reason to believe that a well-regulated system of visitations by some one in authority tends much to improve the quality of work done, disseminate masonic knowledge, encourage the companions, and promote the best interests of Capítular Masonry.

During the thirty years which have elapsed since the formation of this Grand Chapter there has never been any board of custodians to disseminate the work or produce uniformity of work, nor has there been any system of inspection of the records kept, by-laws adopted, or work done.

We have gone on, year after year, rapidly constituting new Chapters, and leaving all, both old and new, to run themselves without instruction, without assistance, without supervision, and, aside from an annual cursory examination of a brief tabulated statement of their acts, apparently without caring whether they lived or died.

We have already lost two Chapters from our roster. Others are weak, and their members are losing their interest in them. Others are doing work of a character which is, at least, not above mediocrity. In some places the Capítular degrees are merely a stepping-stone to the Chivalric Orders.

There is not that uniformity of work that there ought to be ; neither is there as large a proportion of the members qualified to confer the degrees as there ought to be. Officers often content themselves with doing as

their predecessors have done, which is generally right, but frequently wrong ; for, as the years roll by, many errors and imperfections imperceptibly creep in.

That this thirty years of continued neglect on the part of this Grand Body has not produced a worse state of affairs, is owing to the zeal, enterprise, and enthusiasm of Iowa Royal Arch Masons, who have, without the fostering care they had a right to expect, increased their numbers from less than one hundred to over six thousand, and the active and working Chapters, from four to one hundred and three, and thus made the growth of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction the surprise and admiration of other Grand Jurisdisdictions.

There is room for improvement in the constituent Chapters. Better work can be done. Records can be more correctly kept. Books of marks can be kept up to date, and not allowed to get months or years behind. Uniformity of work and lectures can be practically attained.

But this cannot be done entirely by the Chapters themselves. Chapters are necessarily remote from each other, and visits to neighboring Chapters must necessarily be infrequent.

Unless the several Chapters are occasionally visited by some one in authority and corrected up, they will go on travelling the same road they have heretofore passed over ; and each rut will become deeper, and each obstruction more prominent, until the road will indeed become a 'rough and rugged' one, and each Chapter will have a way distinctively its own, and unlike the others. In other words, important differences will arise—one Chapter working in one way, and its neighbor in another.

In my opinion, a regular system of visitations and instruction should be adopted by this Grand Chapter.

The provision in your constitution of 1858, requiring the four principal officers to *visit and preside as often as opportunity presents, and to exemplify the work annually*, had its last and most useful clause omitted in its re-enactment as section 10 of article I. of your present constitution.

Not only that, but such a provision, even though sufficient in 1858, when there were only twenty-two Chapters, with only six hundred and fifty-two members, is wholly inadequate now.

If your four principal officers should visit, instruct, and preside in the one hundred and three Chapters now scattered over this broad state, how much time do you suppose they would have which they could call their own ?

No appropriation has ever been made for the necessary expenses of visiting and exemplifying the work. Evidently it has been intended that this law should be more honored in the breach than in the observance ; and as evidently, something more efficient is needed.

For myself, I believe the system adopted in fully one-half our sister Grand Jurisdictions, viz, that of a Grand Lecturer and Visitor, is the best system yet devised, and the one which will prove the most efficient and successful. The expense need not be large, and can easily be provided for out of our increasing surplus revenues.

Believing in these views, I have discouraged the too rapid formation of new Chapters, and now invite your attention to this matter as the one most worthy of your earnest and careful consideration."

The Grand Chapter resolved to authorize the Grand Council

to appoint a Grand Lecturer, to hold office for two years, to visit and instruct all the chapters.

Future investments of the funds of the Grand Chapter are to be in county bonds, school district bonds or city bonds at not less than six per cent. interest.

The following was adopted :

“*Resolved*, That the companions assembled at this session of this Grand Chapter are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to re-elect any companion to the same office, except the office of Grand Secretary.”

An amendment to except the Grand High Priest was lost.

Comp. Horace S. Winslow is the author of an excellent report on correspondence. Canada for 1883 and 1884 receives a good notice.

After quoting our remarks as to the resignation of officers, Comp. Winslow says :

“Such a construction is strained and over nice. From a variety of causes, which will readily suggest themselves, he might be unable to perform the duties, and in such a case it would be absurd to say he had violated any trust or promise. It means just what the same or equivalent language means, when used relative to a civil office—that the promisee, so long as he retains the position, will perform the duties of the place. Suppose no successor should be found in line ; what then ? Is he still to ‘perform?’ Suppose he dies ; will it descend or be cast upon his personal representatives, ‘profane’ or ‘initiate?’ It seems to us a simple statement of the matter is sufficient to show that the ‘reason’ rests upon a misconception of the purpose and meaning of the ‘solemn declaration’ that is made at installation by the installed.”

He does not agree with our views as to compulsory lodge standing, and in reply we will simply refer him to the remarks of Comp. Dadmun of Massachusetts, on the same subject.

M. E. Comp. Clark Varnum (Newton), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. John C. Parish (Des Moines), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

The 69th Convocation was held at Louisville, October 21st, 1884.

M. E. Comp. R. M. Fairleigh, G.H.P.

The address of the Grand High Priest displays marks of unusual ability. *Non stetit super vias antiquas*. He has not followed the beaten track, but he has launched out into a bold novelty, in the following style :

“DEAR COMPANIONS—It is no strain on my nerves, nor veracity to say that I am pleased to meet you in Annual Convocation. I want you to do full duty in the capacity that brings you here. The Grand Chapter pays you eight cents per mile to enable you to get here, and three dollars per

diem to enable you to live respectably while here. You are therefore expected to serve the cause in which you come to the fullest extent of your ability. Between the time required of you as committeemen and your duties as members, I want to see you engage in all the rational enjoyments offered by our metropolis. The opportunity is before you. Varied attractions are offered by the City. Duty offers others through the work laid out by the Grand Chapter. Attend to the latter as of paramount importance and enjoy the former as opportunity may offer. You are all here, and are apparently in good health. How you came here will not concern me, unless you were subject to hardships in transit. It occurs to the thinking mind that railroads and steam boats contributed largely to your transportation and I have no doubt that is true. All precedents however attribute your ability to be present to divine aid, and that is assigned as the "vis a tergo." It makes no difference to me how you came so that I see you in good health and vigor. Green fields, abundance of harvest, absence of pestilence and storms, are all good in their way and we should be thankful. But these things are so stereotyped in annual addresses that repetition would be surfeit. It is enough to know that we have again met in Grand Convocation, and that the Grand High Priest has now to give you an account of his stewardship for the past year, and to ask your assistance in the labors of this session.

I can say I have not been pushed with work. But few things have occurred in our jurisdiction requiring official interference of the Grand High Priest. His correspondence, while considerable, has not been extensive. That part of it confined to our own jurisdiction has, as a general thing, been regarding subjects touching constitutional provisions which could be answered briefly with reference. It is deemed unnecessary to recapitulate the text of these decisions in this report. Permission to hold election of Officers out of time has been granted several times. The moon during the month of September with persistent contumacy failed to fill on or before the last Saturday. It is known to you all that Saturday before the full moon in each month is the time selected by many Chapters for the monthly meeting. Unless she fulls there is no meeting. This luminary will probably behave better in the future."

On the new papal attack, he says :

"The attention of the Masonic World has been called the past year to a new outbreak of papal intolerance which professing to make Free Masonry its objective point of attack has in fact included in its sweep all the operations of independent thought, schools, denominations of Christians, Science, and in brief whatever gives evidence that the human mind is casting off the shackles of intolerance and exhibiting such strength of thought and impulse as the Creator has endowed it with. All these are made the subject of an encyclical letter from Pope Leo XIII, which embodying the assaults made upon Free Masonry when Pope Clement opened his fire more than a Century ago, exhibits a wealth of vituperation and slander never before reached. We who are acquainted with the beautiful Symbols of Free Masonry and familiar both with its works and its aims can afford to smile at such exhibitions of impotent malice. We remember the injunction laid upon us at our initiation "not to enter into argument with men who ignorantly assail Free Masonry." It is not the purpose of my present remarks to enter into debate with his Holiness nor his minions. He and they may assail to their hearts content only to find an impregnable wall. But I have no patience with religious bigotry from any source much less

from the one mentioned. Who can forbear to express his indignation at the utterances of a man placed in such a situation as Leo, who can deliberately put his official signature to such statements as follows :—‘ If any one watches the proceedings of the Masons in respect of religion especially, it will appear that they drive off the Catholic Church, they add persecutions and insults ; the rights of the Church are violated ; it is their real supreme aim to persecute Christianity ; Free Masonry is a wicked force, a contagious disease.’ Does any intelligent Christian belonging to the order need a refutation of the abominable charges ? Further this Papal bull charges us with ‘ seeking the education of youth that they may corrupt them from the pure faith.’ We have nothing to do with the ‘ pure faith ’ further than an implicit faith in the GREAT I AM. Column after column of this sort of stuff embody all the venom and hatred with which the ruler of the Catholic Church regards the progress of the age and the fast decreasing power of his hierarchy. That hierarchy is fast diminishing and its unrepublican head will before many years be beyond sight. If it is given to me to make reply to such statements I say simply they are false, false in the main, false in the particulars. The aims of Free Masonry are quite the opposite of every thing he has charged. The performances of the Masonic institution correspond with its aims. We know nothing in our Lodge of sect or party. The Catholics may build and occupy, may erect their Convents, maintain their confessionals and multiply their establishments. We as Masons are totally indifferent to their operations. Their cause is theirs. Our cause is ours. They cannot conflict except in the prejudiced eyes of a bigot. We believe the spirit of free government sufficiently powerful to overcome every form of bigotry come from whatever source it may, and Free Masonry will never be found fighting against the Catholic Church nor any other Church. But when any organized body sends forth a series of slanderous charges against us, like this papal bull, we deny the statements and publicly brand them as false.”

Comp. Fairleigh also has some very excellent remarks on the decadence of Chapters and the causes which operate to their disadvantage :—

“ It has been a subject of profound and melancholy consideration to me in surveying the condition of the Chapters of our jurisdiction to observe the decadence of many and the stagnation of most of them. When I compare the active, brilliant and prosperous career of Royal Arch Masonry a few years since with our silent halls, rusty implements and scanty catalogues of to-day, I am deeply concerned. What is to be the future of Free Masonry here when the cryptic degrees are practically dead and the capitular degrees are made but a stepping stone, apparently to the military orders of the temple whose brass bands, feathers and bright buttons are filling every eye and ear. If such has become the only use of the august degree of Royal Arch, if that greatest combination of emblems, covenants and ceremonials is degraded to the position of a stepping stone let it be understood that some attention is due to those who are in favor of abandoning ‘ the intermediate degrees ’ and throw them away altogether. But that day will never come. The note of warning only is needed. I am not an alarmist. I can always see that hope remains in the casket. Nurture it. I do not despair of Royal Arch Masonry but I confess that our Companions in running after the tinsel shows display drills, and flummery of modern Masonry are striking deadly blows at the Chapter system. The talk is of ‘ higher degrees ’ as if there could be anything higher in

Masonry than this. The practice in many places is to apply for the caputular degree and then dimit as soon as taken. The novitiate at this time does not know the symbolism of the veils through which he has passed. The practice of using the Chapter for this purpose can not be too severely deprecated. Such motive, if known beforehand, would justify refusal. Many pass the veils only as a matter of eligibility to mount higher as they think. A K. T. bedecked with full paraphernalia would look ridiculous with trowel in hand spreading mortar. He would spoil his rigging. I do not want the purity of the lamb skin lost sight of nor the fact that it alone is the true badge of a mason. Let those mount who want to mount, and I recommend that they do so, but they should never cease to acknowledge and maintain their basal membership and original love. The sparsely attended lodges and chapters in the City of Louisville when compared with the largely attended Commanderies attest the truth of my position. When a lodge quietly and lovingly puts away a long tried and revered brother, plants the sprig, rehearses the invocations in an unostentatious way, and departs in sorrow to the lodge room, the simple ceremonies are eclipsed the next week in the minds of the public, by the feathers, swords, gauntlets and baldrics of the *higher folks* escorting with pomp and brass bands some fledgling who had recently passed the intermediates without appreciation, aspiring only to the glitter. Many Knights Templar, will frown at these assertions and anathematize the deliverance, but I kindly beg that it be recollected that I am one of them myself. The good of the intermediate orders and the paramount importance of the prosperity of ancient craft and caputular Masonry as well as the Cryptic order induces this warning. I know of no remedy outside of proper teaching and exhortation. I doubt the propriety of establishing the rule, recognized in some jurisdictions by Grand Commanderies, viz : that membership in the Lodge and Chapter is requisite to membership in the Commandery, and that dimitting from either of the first two destroys the status in the third. The doctrine of voluntary membership is good and will prevail."

He calls attention to their financial condition, that they should either increase their income or decrease their expenditure.

A special committee was appointed to compare their constitution with that of the General Grand Chapter and report any conflict and its effect, with such action thereon as they may deem necessary.

Quebec was sustained.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Hiram Basset. On the reports of committees on character, he says :

"Exactly. It is like too many reports your reviewer has heard from committees of investigation, 'we find nothing *against* the petitioner,' and so on. What do you find *for* him?" is the question. Such reports having been accepted as satisfactory, accounts for the presence of so large a percentage of *negative* characters in our Masonic bodies. Unless an applicant have some *positive traits*, fitting him to appreciate and discharge the duties imposed by Masonry, he, and his money, had better remain outside her portals."

And on outside degrees :—

"Your reporter, as already intimated, has no patience with, or toleration for, Masonic charlatans and degree mongers, and should any such come into this jurisdiction and attempt to establish *Lodges* or *Chapters*, in contravention of our Grand Lodge, or Grand Chapter, he would be among the first to 'Cry havoc, and let slip the dogs of war,'—among the first to hold the chastening rod of expulsion over any member who, after due warning and admonition had been given, might be tempted to engage in the traffic, or unite with the spurious, or clandestine bodies. But should they confine their operations to degrees, or orders that interfered only with those under the control of the Grand Council, Grand Commandery, or Grand Consistory, etc., (having *heard*, as a Royal Arch Mason only, that there are such bodies in the state,) he would say leave the invaders, innovators, or by whatever other name they may be known, to the tender mercy of the Grand Body alone whose jurisdiction was invaded. Such body could, perhaps, better decide upon the legitimacy of the traffic than we seventh degree fellows. He is not willing that this Grand Chapter should assume the protectorate over any other Grand body. He thinks its experience with the Council degrees 'amply sufficient,' as Haynes said when he saw the Elephant."

And on the prerogatives of Grand Masters :

"The chairman of your committee is *one* who believes that Grand Masters are *now* 'solely the creatures of the Grand Lodge,' and have no power to do what the Grand Lodge itself cannot do. Prior to the formation of Grand Lodges they were the creatures of the fraternity at large, in its unorganized capacity, and no written laws were given as a guide, or chart to govern them. But now we have written constitutions which define the duties and powers of Grand Masters ; and all powers not therein delegated reside in the fraternity ; these constitutions Grand Masters, as well as the humblest officers and members, take a solemn obligation to 'maintain and support ;' and if a Grand Master should, in violation of his oath of office, presume to 'override the whole constitution' he would be arraigned before the bar of Masonic public opinion, and, metaphorically speaking would surely

'go down
To the vile dust from which he sprung,
Unwept, unhonored/and unsung.'

Common law must yield when in conflict with statutory provisions."

We are sorry to leave this excellent report. Canada for 1884 receives kindly mention.

M. E. Comp. Charles E. Dunn (Louisville), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Jos. H. Branham (Louisville), G.S.

LOUISIANA.

The 38th convocation was held at New Orleans, February 10th, 1885.

M. E. Comp. Alfred Shaw, G. H. P.

On the state of the craft. he says :—

"The last year has been one of moderate activity. We cannot say that our Chapters are in a high degree of prosperity or progress. But our work

has been harmonious and instructive ; there has been nothing like stagnation, and we have been at peace among ourselves. These are great blessings and benefits and the absence of discord, pestilence and distress of any kind, leaves us much to be thankful for to a beneficent Providence."

There are three Chapters in New Orleans, and two of them having proposed to unite, the following resolution was adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That Orleans Chapter No. 1 and Delta Chapter No. 15, having in contemplation the union and consolidation of these two Chapters, authority is hereby given said Chapters, should they so determine, to unite and consolidate themselves into one Chapter to be known as No. 1, and by such name as they may agree upon, and that the Grand High Priest be empowered to do all that is necessary to carry into effect this resolution, and to issue a new charter to the Companions of such consolidated Chapter."

Comp. Isaac H. Titus, Past Grand High Priest of California, was present at this meeting and was received with all the honors.

The officers were installed by Comp. Joseph P. Horner, General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter.

The annual donation to the Grand Lodge Hall was continued for another year.

M. E. Comp. Alfred Shaw (New Orleans), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

The 59 convocation was held at Portland, May 6th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. Frank E. Sleeper, G. H. P.

He reports a healthy growth in their membership and a desirable interchange of civilities between neighboring Chapters. He recommends that the commissions to representatives should only run for three years or to the meeting of the General Grand Chapter following their issuance. On his visit to Eagle Chapter at Saccarpa, His Excellency the Governor of the State was exalted. On another visit, he says :—

"April 21, 1884, I visited Mt. Vernon Chapter, at Portland, and inspected work in the M. M. M. degree, which was performed promptly, impressively, and nearly in accordance with the standard ritual.

Some portions of the lecture, however, seemed quite unfamiliar to me ; but I ceased to wonder when I remembered the well-known ability of the Right Worshipful Master, M. E. Comp. Chase, to extemporize delightfully when his memory fails him, and I felt little inclination to criticise sharply, when I noticed the close attention given to the lecturer by the candidates."

He refused to grant a dispensation for a Chapter to join

with a G. A. R. post in the public observance of Decoration Day.

His decisions appear to be all correct, and as they involve some unfamiliar points, we copy them :

"1. Question.—A Chapter elects its officers, and at a subsequent meeting all are installed except the King, who was not present at the election, and who now declines to be installed. Can a dispensation be granted for the election of a King ?

Answer.—Yes. A decision of the Grand Chapter in 1864 (Pro., page 99) says : 'A vacancy in the office of High Priest cannot be filled by dispensation so long as there is a King or Scribe to perform the duties ; nor in the office of King so long as there is a Scribe,' &c., but that ruling was evidently intended to apply only to vacancies occurring after an election is completed and all the officers installed.

In the case submitted the election was not completed, and the Grand High Priest may properly grant a dispensation to complete the election.

2. Question.—A dispensation to elect a King having been obtained, is the Scribe or any other installed officer eligible to election as King ?

Answer.—Yes. The installation of an inferior officer does not act as a bar to prevent his Chapter from electing him to a higher station, should a vacancy exist and an election be ordered.

3. Question.—A brother is a pensioner, is not dependent upon others for support, is of irreproachable character, but has lost his right arm. Is he eligible to the Chapter degrees ?

Answer.—No. Such a brother would receive my deepest sympathy in his misfortune, but even the broadest charity will not allow me to violate ancient regulations and landmarks by declaring a brother eligible to our mysteries who is physically unable ever to be properly instructed in them, or to make himself known to others as a Companion.

4. Question.—At the election of officers of a Chapter, while balloting for High Priest, the committee reported a tie vote between two candidates, whereupon the presiding officer claimed and exercised the right of giving the casting vote. Had he such a right ?

Answer.—No. In balloting for officers of a Chapter, the presiding officer, if a member, should deposit his ballot with the other members, previous to the report of the committee, and loses his right to a casting vote.

5. Question.—A Chapter votes to waive its jurisdiction over a brother in favor of another Chapter. Will a subsequent objection by a member have the force of a black ball, or negative vote, as in original application for degrees ?

Answer.—No. The Chapter having voted unanimously to waive jurisdiction, its claims upon the applicant cease, and, in the absence of a specific law to the contrary, a subsequent objection by a member can have no effect."

The following was adopted as a standing regulation to

govern the appearances of Royal Arch Masons in public as such :

“Royal Arch Chapters can appear in public in their distinctive character, only in connection with the Grand Chapter, or on occasions of the installations of officers, or the constituting of a Chapter, or in connection with a Lodge of Master Masons appearing in public in accordance with the law of the Grand Lodge.

No Royal Arch clothing or insignia can be worn on public occasions, except aprons and jewels.”

The report of the committee on Doings of Grand Officers was adopted as follows :

“The reference to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of so much of said address as relates to the trouble between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England. Also the decisions and rulings of the Grand High Priest.

That the commissions of all representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Bodies expire at the close of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in 1886, and that thereafter all similar commissions shall expire at the close of the succeeding Triennial Convocations.

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to our M. E. Grand High Priest and the Assistant Grand Lecturer, for their zeal and fidelity and the labor bestowed in incorporating into the ritual the requirements of the General Grand Chapter, and the making the same into a beautiful, complete and symmetrical work.

That the method of preserving the same be referred to the Grand Council, with power.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, we recommend the appointing by him of a committee on Text Book or Monitor, to prepare such a work and report to the Grand Council, who shall have power to cause the same to be issued at their discretion, with such alterations and additions as the M. E. Grand High Priest may make with the approval of the Grand Council.

We fully concur in the doings and recommendations of the M. E. Grand High Priest in memory of our departed companions.

The reports of the visiting officers show that they have prepared themselves for the duties incumbent upon them ; and from personal acquaintance with them, your committee doubt not that they will see to it that the standard ritual is properly worked the coming year.”

There were no grievances or appeals.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond submitted the following report, which was adopted :

“The committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which were referred the decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest, have examined the same, and recommend that they be confirmed.

The fourth decision is the only one that seems to call for particular

remark. The Constitution requires that the election of officers shall be by ballot. It is the right and duty of every member to vote. When the ballot has been taken, or when, in the usual phrase, "the poll has been closed," no member has the *right* to vote. and can do so only by permission of the Chapter.

When the result of the ballot is reported, no further proceedings can be had, than to declare its result, and if there is no choice proceed to another ballot. Least of all, can the presiding officer, by a *viva voce* vote, make or defeat an election under any circumstances.

In fact, in all Masonic bodies the presiding officer has the right to vote as a member, and the parliamentary law prevailing in bodies of which the presiding officer is not a member, does not prevail in Masonic bodies, except so far as expressly adopted in their Constitution, or By-laws ; and your committee has no knowledge of any Masonic body in which the rule prevails that the presiding officer has a vote only in case there is a tie, or which gives him a vote as a member and in addition the casting vote when there is a tie.

The Constitution of our Grand Chapter settles this question conclusively."

Comp. Drummond again reports on correspondence, and reviews our proceedings for 1883. We again express our acknowledgments to him for his valuable table of statistics :

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Sus. for Non- payment of dues.	Deaths.
Alabama.....	682	28	20	23	0	0	28	11
Arkansas.....	1,412	114	35	24	2	0	28	18
California.....	3,827	382	87	98	0	0	*54	52
Canada.....	3,537	261	28	96	0	0	†46	32
Colorado.....	903	216	42	46	1	0	1	4
Connecticut.....	4,174	227	18	30	0	0	38	56
Delaware.....	342	18	2	2	0	0	†16	3
Distict of Columbia.....	1,166	101	17	19	0	0	36	20
Florida.....	214	13	....	....	....	....	11	....
Georgia.....	880	100	25	37	0	0	28	6
Illinois.....	11,743	960	187	326	9	....	†231	98
Indiana.....	4,749	376	56	142	4	7	79	62
Iowa.....	5,944	728	184	238	10	....	†89	47
Kansas.....	2,447	296	70	92	4	....	†49	19
Kentucky.....	2,615	192	63	65	2	....	†55	39
Louisiana.....	695	35	16	6	0	11	15	20
Maine.....	4,254	229	24	38	1	0	29	41
Maryland.....	1,122	60	8	34	1	....	†28	15
Massachusetts.....	9,387	519	40	136	3	....	66	112
Michigan.....	8,076	532	104	202	7	6	107	89
Minnesota.....	2,501	254	21	63	0	0	42	17
Mississippi.....	1,416	77	36	25	0	0	54	27
Missouri.....	4,600	526	97	141	0	3	75	44
Nebraska.....	1,047	107	53	26	0	....	*9	10
Nevada.....	390	43	6	26	0	0	20	9
New Hampshire.....	2,348	112	123	15	0	1	11	27
New Jersey.....	2,519	196	35	57	0	24	75	24
New York.....	15,363	1,034	238	240	5	0	580	214
North Carolina.....	902	58	8	13	0	0	7	2
Nova Scotia.....	460	27	0	13	0	0	5	2
Ohio.....	10,085	975	344	301	16	....	†322	138
Oregon.....	706	59	12	11	1	0	6	8
Pennsylvania.....	10,419	768	135	155	3	....	†197	143
Quebec.....	449	21	3	12	0	....	†6	1
Rhode Island.....	1,640	58	3	2	1	0	44	18
South Carolina.....	369	13	0	7	0	1	8	2
Tennessee.....	2,236	81	31	37	1	8	34	32
Texas.....	3,340	234	91	120	7	...	†45	61
Vermont.....	2,010	101	6	16	0	....	†3	18
Virginia.....	1,371	102	50	47	1	....	†13	26
West Virginia.....	482	30	13	16	0	0	16	6
Wisconsin.....	3,852	295	38	76	2	....	†29	41
General Grand Chapter..	934	81	23	20	0	....	†17	8
	137,617	10,639	2,392	3,093	81	61	2652	1622

*Including those "excluded."

† Including all suspensions.

"The figures for Missouri, Nebraska, South Carolina and West Virginia are the same as given in our last report, as we have not later advices.

The total membership is 137,617 against 132,737 in 1883, 128,557 in 1882, and 127,105 in 1881: the Exaltations are 10,639 against 10,557 in 1883, 7,424 in 1882, and 6,733 in 1881; the Admissions and Restorations are 2,392 against 2,202 in 1883, 1,868 in 1882, and 1,900 in 1881; the Dimissions are 3,093 against 3,142 in 1883, 2,818 in 1882, and 3,073 in 1881; the Expulsions are 81 against 55 in 1883, 75 in 1882, and 85 in 1881. the Suspensions (including suspensions from membership and names dropped from the roll) are 2,713 against 2,625 in 1883, 2,859 in 1882, and 3,762 in 1881; and the Deaths are 1,622 against 1,594 in 1883, 1,633 in 1882, and 1,496 in 1881."

On the Quebec matter, the following report was adopted:

"The committee on Jurisprudence, to which was submitted so much of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest as relates to the alleged invasion of the territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec by the Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge of England, &c., have examined the matter and ask leave to report:

That from the statement of the matter in the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence it is a very serious one, involving questions of the deepest interest and highest importance to the American Grand Chapters.

The doctrine of *exclusive* territorial jurisdiction is one in which all American Masonic bodies agree, and one to which Masonic bodies the world over are rapidly coming.

If the Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge insists upon violating this doctrine, she cannot remain on terms of amity with American Grand Chapters. But the committee are not prepared to recommend a severance of fraternal relations at the present time, that should be done only when all other measures have failed.

They recommend that the matter be referred to a special committee, with directions to inquire into the propriety and necessity of instructing our representatives in the General Grand Chapter of the United States to seek from that body a withdrawal of its recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge, and the expediency of forbidding the members of the obedience of this Grand Chapter from recognizing any one hailing under the Grand Mark Lodge as a Mark Master Mason, and report thereon at our next annual convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
for the Committee."

The Grand High Priest then appointed the committee on Jurisprudence as a special committee on the differences between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

M. E. Comp. Frank E. Sleeper (Sabatis), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Ira Berry (Portland), G. S.

MARYLAND.

The 87th convocation was held at Baltimore, Nov. 11th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. George W. Shieve, G. H. P.

He reports one new Chapter. As to candidates residing near the border line of other States, he says :

"In this connection, in order to facilitate more complete fraternal and reciprocal relations between this and adjacent jurisdictions in the matter of the reception of applications for exaltation from Brethren residing at localities nearer or more convenient of access to Chapters in adjoining jurisdictions, I recommend that a standing resolution be adopted by this Grand Chapter, granting permission to such adjacent jurisdictions to receive and act upon all such applications, provided they by proper legislation accord this jurisdiction like privileges."

Comp. Shieve visited all the twelve Chapters in the jurisdiction except three, and thus remarks :

"As a general summary of the condition of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, as is made manifest by the visitations I have made, I deem it necessary to say that, while the increase in membership, taken as a whole, has not equalled that of some past periods, yet the general work of the Craft is in good condition, and a high standard of excellence as to accuracy and method of rendition has been maintained.

In order to promote and lend additional interest to the work of the Chapter, I requested the Grand Lecturer to vary the requirements of the standing resolution of November 11th, 1879, by which the work of the several degrees is required to be exemplified, and confer the degrees on actual candidates, which was done by him with the assistance of the officers of the Grand Chapter, as follows :

Phoenix Chapter, No. 7, January 11th, 1884; Mark Degree.

St. John's " " 19, " 16th, 1884; Past and Most Excellent Degrees.

Concordia " " 1, February 5th, 1884; Royal Arch Degree.

The result of this new departure was eminently satisfactory, not only in the manner in which the work was done, but in the evident interest created as manifested by the large attendance from the various city Chapters."

On their history, he has the following remarks :

"It is with great pleasure that I call the attention of this Grand Body to the valuable and extremely interesting work of Past Deputy Grand High Priest E. T. Schultz, upon 'The History of Freemasonry in Maryland.' This work is one for which we all know he is eminently qualified, and is of such a character as should greatly interest and call for the support of every Mason, and especially all students of Masonic History. Companion Schultz has discovered a number of ancient documents of great interest which throw light upon certain stages of Masonic history which have heretofore been involved in great obscurity. It should be borne in mind that by these laudable endeavors of Companion Schultz, valuable historical documents have been preserved, and it would be unfortunate if this work, now that it has progressed so far, should fail by reason of lack of encouragement.

I suggest the consideration whether any direct steps in the way of promoting its publication should be taken by this Grand Body."

Quebec was sustained.

The following report and resolution were adopted :—

“ Your committee notice with pleasure the commendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest of the history of Freemasonry in Maryland, now in process of publication by Past Dep. Grand High Priest E. T. Schultz. This history will bring to light, as the result of long years of intelligent and tireless labor of our Companion, much valuable information concerning the formation and early history of our Grand Chapter, and your committee earnestly recommend an appropriation of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to assist in defraying the expense of publishing the work.”

“ *Resolved*, That any Subordinate Chapter in any adjoining jurisdiction may confer the Degrees of Capitular Masonry on Master Masons of this State who reside nearer to such Chapter than to any Chapter in this State, provided the same privilege be extended to the Chapters in this State by the laws of such adjoining jurisdictions.”

Washington Territory was recognized.

Portugal was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion E. T. Schultz. Our Proceedings do not appear. In his notice of Maine, we find the following :—

“ He refers to what we said last year under Minnesota, in regard to Philip P. Eckel being a 33°, and also to the evidence adduced by us to show that a Grand Chapter existed in Maryland in 1797.

A few months since we were fortunate in bringing to light a number of the Masonic papers of Companion Eckel ; they are of much interest, and throw light on several points that were enveloped in obscurity. As we hope soon to publish these papers, we shall now merely say that these documents show conclusively that Eckel was connected with a lodge of Perfection in Baltimore instituted in 1792 by Henry Wilmans, “Grand Inspector General.” The Rituals of the Rite of Perfection 25° that were among Eckel’s papers show that he was in possession of all the degrees of that Rite, then the highest grade known. We also add, that among the papers is a dispensation from David Kerr, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, dated 1797, to Companion Philip P. Eckel, to form a Chapter in Baltimore, which proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Grand Chapter of Maryland was in existence in 1797.”

M. E. Comp. John M. Carter (Baltimore), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Geo. L. McCahan (Baltimore), G.S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The 84th Convocation was held at Boston, Dec· 9th, 1884.

The session was opened at 9.30 a.m. The degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master were then fully exemplified. At the close of each degree, the lecture appertaining to the degree was given by the Grand Lecturer. At 1.15 p.m., the call was made from labor to refreshment until 2.30 p.m.

The Companions then repaired to the banquet hall and enjoyed the annual collation. At 2.45 p.m. the Companions were again called to labor, when the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in due form and with full ceremonies to a very large and deeply interested audience.

At 5 p.m. the Grand Chapter was closed and at 7 p.m. re-opened in ample form.

M. E. Comp. Albert C. Smith, G.H.P., then delivered his annual address, from which we make the following extract on the importance of the Mark :—

“It yields me a great satisfaction to report the emphatic progress which has been made within this jurisdiction during the past three years in regard to “The Mark.” Yet there are a few Chapters and many Companions who have not given due heed to this important subject. It is indeed a matter of so much importance that I feel impelled once more briefly to allude to it. It seems to me, that no Companion would willingly omit so weighty a duty if he perceived the sublimity of its symbolism. Away back in the morning of semi-civilization, when men began to band themselves into societies, we find record of a Mark in character and purpose like our own. The ancient Arrhabo in use by the Romans, and by them borrowed from the Israelites, was a mark of this stamp, a token, or pledge of friendship. Sometimes it was a coin or a plate, engraved for the purpose, at other times it was a piece of money broken into halves. But whatever it was, it was sacred. There can be no doubt that our mark was derived from this custom. The degree of Mark Master Mason was instituted solely for the purpose of introducing the Mark and securing the benefits to be derived from its use, and for no other purpose whatever. Our time-honored ritual bears witness to this fact.

This degree was instituted by our three ancient Grand Masters, to be conferred upon all who should be found worthy and well qualified, not only as an honorary reward, but to render it impossible that any brother who should be found worthy of being advanced to this degree should be reduced to such extreme indigency as to suffer for the common necessities of life, when the pledge of his Mark would procure the same.”

Let us heed the lesson, remembering that without the Mark this degree means nothing, and that with it is carried a great lesson and a mighty truth. For your own good and for the good of Capitular Masonry, I trust you will give this subject your earnest attention, and by the exercise of your influence and the weight of your legislation, seek to make the choosing and recording of the Mark by every Mark Master in this jurisdiction a Masonic necessity.”

He also reported the organization of two new Chapters.

The new Grand Chapter of Washington Territory was duly recognized.

The Grand officers were duly elected and installed, several committees presented reports, all the business was transacted, and the Grand Chapter was finally closed at 9.50 p.m.

Take it all around, we think that the members of this Grand

Chapter put in a very fair day's work. You are entitled to your wages, pass on.

In an appendix, we find the best part of the volume in the Report on Correspondence by Comp. John W. Dadmun.

Our proceedings for 1884 receive an excellent notice. He gives several extracts from our report, prefacing them with these remarks :—

“Comp. Henry Robertson again reports on correspondence in his clear, concise and intelligent manner. As to general Masonic law and usage, we agree with each other so fully that we could not get up any sparring if we would. Query : Is there any virtue in living in peace under such circumstances? Yes, for some people will growl under any circumstances? Query No. 2. What has that to do with Freemasonry? A great deal ; for if it were not for the restless, independent growlers, we should be a very very happy family. Some men are just like children, that smash and throw away their old things and cry for something new. No reflection on constitutional tinkers. It is a very good thing to ventilate a hot room, especially when the air within is foul ; and attempts at amending the constitutions and regulations furnish a kind of safety-valve for an overheated imagination ; it must have vent. Happy are we, Comp. Robertson, if this surplus caloric can be let off without blowing up the fraternity. It is said the world moves, but some things are immovable and always new.

Well, after these cheerful reflections, we will hear what our esteemed *confre* has to say, although want of time and space precludes extended quotations.”

In his review of Connecticut, Comp. Dadmun says :—

“Comp. Barlow, we must give up that old idea that “the collection of dues is of comparative modern origin.” History has developed the fact that the collection of dues must have commenced with the formation of Subordinate Lodges. Our quotation from the by-laws of the first constituted lodge in Boston, dated 1733, shows that “Quarterages” were required of its members. This was only sixteen years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. We do not claim that “regulations on this subject have the sanction of a landmark, but that dues were not required in the old constitutions as a condition of membership in the Fraternity.

Please make note of that ; and then note that the usage in Massachusetts of making a distinction between membership in the Fraternity acquired by initiation, and membership in a Subordinate Lodge, is supported by the old constitutions, dues not being required, except by local lodges, subsequent to the formation of the *Magna Charta* of Masonry. Mackey says :

“There is, accordingly, no regulation in any of the old constitutions for the payment of dues. It is not a general Masonic duty in which the Mason is affected to the whole of the Craft, but an arrangement between himself and his lodge, with which the Grand Lodge ought not to interfere. As the payment of dues is not a duty owing to the craft in general, so the non-payment of them is not an offence against the craft, but simply against his lodge, the only punishment for which should be striking from the roll, or discharge from membership. It is now the almost universal opinion of

Masonic jurists that suspension or expulsion from the Order is a punishment that should never be inflicted for non-payment of dues.

For these reasons the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts prohibits its lodges from suspending or expelling members for non-payment of dues ; forfeiture of Lodge membership, either temporary or permanent, being the penalty for that offence. 'Self-preservation' is a good thing, if it is not made too selfish,—onesidedness. Comp. Barlow says : 'Comp. Dadmun's charity is as extensive as the bounds of Masonry.' So mote it be ! The best compliment we ever received."

In one of our former reports, we stated our belief that no Companion should be compelled to pay lodge dues in order to keep in good standing in the Chapter. Comp. Winslow, of Iowa, says that he cannot indorse this doctrine,—That the lodge is the foundation which must be sustained and that can only be done by keeping up the lodges and for that purpose, the "sinews of war—the cash box, must be looked after." To this, Comp. Dadmun replies effectively as follows :—

"When and where has any Grand Lodge ever asked the Chapter or Commandery to 'keep up the lodges' and look after the 'sinews of war,' 'the cash box'? Whence arises this alarm about a stampede for the 'higher degrees' which 'are being popularized'? 'The dress parades' increase rather than diminish the interest taken in symbolic Masonry in the old Bay State. Look at one or two facts bearing upon this subject. The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which is the oldest in the United States, and which takes the lead of all others in the number of its members, has only about one sixth as many affiliates as the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the Grand Chapters only about one third as many. And we have never had a law to force affiliation in the lodges as a condition of Chapter membership. One would naturally think that, in a jurisdiction as old as this, where the 'popularized' branches have had so many 'dress parades,' the Craft Lodges would be buried in the 'rubbish' of the 'higher degrees,' if the alarmists' doctrine be true. Nothing of the kind has ever occurred, however ; and we have no fears that it ever will. Blue Lodge Masonry will take care of its own foundation, and severe Chapter legislation will be of no advantage to it."

His conclusion is also very good :—

"In closing we wish to acknowledge that, in rubbing against our Companions of the reportorial staff for the last few years, we have had our ideas of Freemasonry considerably sharpened. and our knowledge greatly augmented. We have been led to read up in order to see if the veterans from whom we received our first lessons were thoroughly and correctly indoctrinated in the fundamental principles of the Fraternity. The more we read the better we are satisfied with the instructions received of the magnates that occupied the 'Oriental Chair' in our Masonic bodyhood. Do not attempt to modernize Freemasonry. It has distinctive features which will insure its perpetuity if well guarded and sustained."

M. E. Comp. Fredk. T. Comee (Boston), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Zep. H. Thomas (Cambridge), G.S.

MICHIGAN.

The 36th Convocation was held at Detroit, January 20th, 1885.

M. E. Comp. Theron F. Giddings, G.H.P.

His decisions are thus reported :—

“ 1. Question. A brother received the E. A., F. C. and Master Mason degrees in Lodge ‘No. 207,’ Ireland. He received the Mark Master degree in ‘Mark Lodge’ No. 935, Ireland. He received the Royal Arch in an Irish Royal Arch Chapter, No. 935, working under jurisdiction of the above ‘207 Lodge,’ and so stated in his certificate of membership; he has certificates from each Lodge. Can our Chapter receive him as a visitor in Chapter, and in case he desires to become a member, what course must be pursued ?

Answer. Satisfy yourselves that the certificates are genuine, and that he is the proper person represented therein. Have satisfactory evidence that he has legally received the Royal Arch degree; then you may confer upon him the degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master, that he may be healed. He may then be admitted as a visitor, and upon presenting a legal release from the Chapter of which he last was a member, he may apply for membership in the usual manner.

2. Question. A companion was expelled from our then Chapter some fifteen years ago for unmasonic conduct. After he was expelled, the Grand Chapter took up our charter, and our said Chapter went out of existence. Later, a new Chapter was organized in the same town as where the old one existed. Said expelled Companion desires to join the new Chapter. Can he make application and join without any reference to his expulsion from the old Chapter now extinct ?

Answer. The Companion remains an expelled Mason, and can only be reinstated by Grand Chapter.

3. Question. Does definite suspension for non-payment of dues cancel the dues for the non-payment of which amount said Companion was so suspended ?

Answer. The Companion having been once punished for the Masonic misdemeanor by definite suspension, the Chapter has exhausted its penalty, as well as means of securing payment of the amount due; therefore, said amount is legally cancelled, as far as forcing collections is concerned. But, though the Companion has been punished for not paying his just debt, he still owes the Chapter the amount, the penalty not acting as a forgiveness of sins, but only as a punishment for such.

4. Question. Where is the proper place for a charter of a Chapter to be during its meeting? Would the hanging of the same in the preparation room be sufficient ?

Answer. It is immaterial where charter hang, or even if it is hung up at all, as long as it is in the possession of the Chapter, and open for inspection.”

After giving the names of the illustrious dead during the past year, he says :

“ In connection with this subject, I am reminded of a seeming lack of courtesy, or, as I might rather say, a degree of forgetfulness on the part of

the subordinate bodies of our own jurisdiction in failing to make prompt report to the Grand Bodies at the time of the death of any prominent member of the Fraternity.

I think that it should be made incumbent upon the Secretary of a subordinate Chapter to make report by telegraph to the Grand Secretary upon the occasion of a death of any present or Past Grand officer of this Grand Body, that the representatives of the Grand Chapter may have ample time to be notified to attend the funeral; and I further consider that it should be the duty of this Grand Body to have charge of the ceremonies, unless otherwise requested by the family of the deceased Companion.

Surely our respect for our illustrious dead should equal that which we give to our distinguished living. I suggest that this Grand Body take some proper action governing the matter."

The new Grand Chapter of Washington Territory was recognized.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approve of decisions one and two, and on the other questions, they say:—

"Question No. 3 reads as follows:

'Does definite suspension for non-payment of dues cancel the non-payment of which amount said Companion was so suspended?'

As this question is not known to our law, it is safe to presume that no such state of facts existed upon which to predicate such a question. It is presumed that we know what our own law is upon the subject of non-payment of dues. There are but two penalties for non-payment of dues, and a Chapter disciplining a Companion for non-payment of dues must inflict the one or the other of the penalties, to wit: expulsion or indefinite suspension.

Section 3, Article 9 of the constitution, reads as follows:

'Every member of a subordinate Chapter neglecting to pay his dues for two years, may, upon due notice and trial, be punished by suspension; and a member so neglecting for three years or more, shall be liable to expulsion, to be restored only on payment of his dues and by a two-thirds vote in case of suspension, and a unanimous vote in case of expulsion.'

Edict No. 16 reads:

'That when a Companion has been tried and convicted for the Masonic offence of non-payment of dues, the Chapter shall forthwith inflict the penalty of expulsion or indefinite suspension, as it may deem proper; and in case the Chapter shall neglect or refuse to inflict such penalty the Grand High Priest shall arrest the charter of the Chapter refusing to execute this edict.'

This question was before the Grand Chapter at its last Convocation, and G. H. P. Hill then decided that the constitutional provision and the edict above referred to were both in force, which decision was confirmed by the Grand Body. (Pro. 1884, p 14). Your committee therefore recommend that this decision be not approved.

Decision No. 4 is in the main correct, and we generally agree with the same, still we desire to add that the proper place for the charter of a Chapter is in Chapter room proper, under the immediate charge of the High Priest when the Chapter is at work. It makes no difference where or how he keeps it, so long as he has it present in the Chapter while at

work ; whether it hangs on the wall of the room or is in a case. So long as the High Priest has it present when at work is all that is required of him."

And their report was adopted.

It was resolved to fraternally request the Grand Mark Lodge of England to revoke their Quebec warrants.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary of all Chapters be required to report by telegram to the Grand Secretary the death of any Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, or other prominent Royal Arch Mason residing within their jurisdiction ; and on receipt of such information the Grand Secretary shall at once inform the Grand High Priest, and if advisable the Grand Officers may attend the funeral as a Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the proper clothing of the officers of this Grand Chapter—by abandoning the cumbersome collars now used and substituting a proper badge of this office—be referred to a committee of three to report the form or samples of said badges, and the expense of the same, to this Grand Chapter at its next session."

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and notices Canada for 1884.

M. E. Comp. W. Irving Latimer (Lansing), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Wm. P. Innes (Grand Rapids), G.S.

MINNESOTA.

These proceedings are embellished with a fine portrait of their first Grand High Priest, Comp. A. T. C. Pierson, for many years Grand Secretary and the father of Masonry in Minnesota.

The 22nd Convocation was held at St. Paul, Oct. 9th, 1883.

On the condition of the Craft, Comp. W. J. Hahn, G.H.P. says :—

" But we, as R. A. Masons, have peculiar reasons to be thankful and greatly to rejoice, if the year which has just closed may be regarded as indicating the future of Capitular Masonry in Minnesota. Peace and harmony have prevailed in all the Chapters in this jurisdiction. No 'sound of hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron,' has been heard. Our numbers have been increased, and I doubt not the overseers have carefully examined all the material brought up for the buildings and have permitted none to pass that was not properly squared, numbered and marked ; that none but 'good work, true work and square work,' has been accepted ; that there will be no necessity hereafter to urge singularity of form, or beauty of proportions, as an excuse for the reception of material that was neither calculated to support, nor to adorn our noble structure. Only 'he that is truly square, well polished and uprightly fixed, is qualified to be a member of our most honorable society.' These prudent precautions are absolutely necessary if we are to have a hearty growth in this branch of Masonry ; and if it be apparent, therefore, that the application of chisel and mallet will

work no improvement upon material brought up for inspection, better cast it among the rubbish, however comely or inviting it may have appeared in the quarry, than to mar the symmetry, or threaten the stability of our structure, by the use of material unfitted for any part."

The transactions consist of the usual and local routine business and call for no particular mention.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. Their Constitution says that no penalty of expulsion or suspension can be inflicted for the non-payment of dues only.

Canada for 1883 is well noticed. He gives no fewer than seven extracts from our report of that year. He notices that one of our Chapters under dispensation had its officers installed, and he wants to know if it is the rule in Canada to install the officers of a Chapter U.D. To which we reply in the negative, but "Mistakes will happen, etc.," you know.

M. E. Comp. E. E. McDermott (Minneapolis), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. A. T. C. Pierson (St. Paul), G.S.

The 23rd Convocation was held at St. Paul, Oct. 14th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. E. E. McDermott, G.H.P.

He formed two new Chapters.

He ordered the portrait of their venerable Grand Secretary, Comp. A. T. C. Pierson, to be preserved in the proceedings. Comp. Pierson was their first Grand High Priest in 1859, and he is the only surviving member who has participated in the transactions of each Grand Annual Convocation since then. His devotion to the Craft is fully appreciated by his Companions and he is justly and deservedly esteemed as the father of Masonry in Minnesota.

On Ritual, Comp. McDermott says :—

"In response to numerous inquiries made in relation to a uniform ritual, I find that the General Grand Chapter dealt only with essentials.

Having witnessed during my term of office exemplifications of our degrees in Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, I failed to detect any serious difference.

There has been enough said about ritual ; for there is nothing in the whole body of Masonry as sensitive as its ritual. Touch it, though it be ever so gently in the spirit of change or innovation, and at once it becomes feverish with discontent. We are all under obligations to protect, defend and transmit its traditions.

On motion, the Grand Chapter "in accordance with its custom, went into convention" for the election of officers. We would like to know why the Grand Chapter cannot elect

its own officers without going into convention, and how *do* they "Go into convention," anyway?

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. He thinks it is "stretching the jurisdictional question to require a brother to travel 200 miles by private conveyance through a wild country, where he is unknown, to get the Capitular degrees, when there is a Chapter within a mile where he is personally known to every member." So do we.

In his notice of Canada for 1884, he gives several extracts from the address of M. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, Grand Z.

M. E. Comp. Blinn Converse (St. Paul), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. A. T. C. Pierson (St. Paul), G.S.

MISSISSIPPI.

The 36th Convocation was held at Jackson, February 11th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. B. T. Kimbrough, G.H.P.

The past year has been one of increased prosperity, partly attributable to the general financial improvement in the state.

He refused all applications for dispensations to confer degrees out of time.

He thinks that the merger of the Council degrees with those of the Chapter has not resulted in any benefit to either the Chapter or the Council, and he concludes a very good address with the following remarks on this subject:—

"Suppose the Grand Lodge to be willing to take charge of the degrees conferred by the Subordinate Chapters, would it be contended for a moment that this Grand Chapter could legally, to-day, without ever referring the question to the subordinates themselves, give or transfer the Chapter degrees to the Lodges, call in their charters, strike them from existence, and yet, in the same breath declare the organization of the Grand Chapter shall be 'preserved?' Now, my Companions, I must be allowed to express my convictions, even if I stand alone; and with me there remains not a doubt that the Merger action, as had, was without constitutional warrant, and wholly illegal and void. Would it not be wise for this Grand Chapter to declare it will attempt to exercise no further jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees under that action?

I may add, the General Grand Chapter of the United States, so far from 'approving' 'the action,' till which the Grand Council was to 'preserve' its 'organization,' has, on the contrary, declared with emphasis, it—the General Grand Chapter—has no jurisdiction over the Council degrees, because its charter or constitution gives it jurisdiction over only the four degrees of Capitular Masonry. The fact that there was no warrant for it in the constitution was deemed sufficient reason, after mature deliberation by that learned body—"the American Senate of Masonry"—to decline any

jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees. I find no warrant in the constitution of this Grand Chapter for receiving the Cryptic degrees. If the Grand Chapter has only the power expressly granted it, I maintain we cannot legally accept, and encumber Capitular Masonry with Cryptic Masonry. But aside from all this, I suppose no one will now contend that the Merger has been a benefit to either Chapter or Council. The Council degrees is an encumbrance to the Chapter, and I fear but few H. P.'s are more than able to confer the Chapter degrees properly without the encumbrance. If the plan devised to confer the Royal Master's degree before, and Select Master after the Royal Arch as part of that degree, had been permitted by the General Grand Chapter as prayed for, I am not prepared to say results would not have been different. As it now is, however, I earnestly believe the proper course for this Grand Chapter to pursue in the premises is to declare it has no jurisdiction over the Council degrees."

The Grand Secretary, Comp. J. L. Power, is certainly the right man in the right place. He is a model for all Grand Secretaries to follow. At a former Convocation, he recommended a reduction in his own salary, from \$600 to \$400, and the same was unanimously agreed to. Now he recommends a further reduction to \$300, and only draws that amount for the past year. He explains this action by stating that it was taken in view of the annual decrease in the receipts of the Grand Chapter. It is needless to add that his further recommendation was also unanimously adopted.

The special committee on the Cryptic Degrees reported that the merger should be dissolved, but a substitute was carried, that no action should be taken at present.

The fee for a dispensation for a new Chapter was reduced from \$90 to \$50.

The following is the report of the special committee on the Grand Chapter of Quebec :

"The undersigned, your special committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand High Priest's address relating to the invasion of the territory of the M. E. the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of the Province of Quebec, by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, respectfully submit : That it is a fundamental principle in American Masonic Jurisprudence that the Grand Masonic body of any Sovereign State has absolute and sole jurisdiction over its peculiar branch of the Masonic family within the limits of said State, and any Lodge, Chapter or Council organized and maintained under or by virtue of any authority outside of said governing grand body is clandestine, and the members thereof without the pale of Masonic recognition.

In view of palpable and unwarrantable infringement by the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales upon the vested rights and territory of a Sovereign Grand Chapter—that of Quebec—we respectfully recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved That the members of Victoria Lodge, No. 301, and those of Henniker Lodge of Mark Master Masons, both of the city of Montreal, and

all similar bodies pretending to work under authority of a warrant from said Grand Lodge of England and Wales, be and they are hereby declared to be clandestine Mark Masters, and said lodges clandestine lodges, and all Masonic intercourse between them or any of them and Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi is strictly prohibited.

Resolved, That we congratulate M. E. Jno H. Graham, P. G. Z. G. C. of Quebec, upon his manly, dignified and emphatic protest against the arrogant and insolent assumptions of the Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England in this case.

It is a fact patent to the most obtuse, that it has always been a characteristic of Great Britain to arrogate to herself rights and privileges to which she has no just claim, but we were not prepared to expect that a like course of conduct would ever obtain in her governing Masonic bodies."

It was

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer be paid in full for his services during the ensuing year, the sum of four hundred dollars, and that he be instructed to, as far as may be practicable with the sum appropriated, and such other sums as the Chapters may contribute, visit and instruct the several Chapters.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. P. M. Savery, and notices Canada for 1883. On the rules of debate, he says:—

"We are not one of those who believe that the same Rules of Order and Debate that govern Legislatures and political meetings should apply to Masonic bodies. Motions to cut off debate are not, in our opinion, necessary in Masonic bodies, and if not requisite, then not courteous nor Masonic. A good Mason respects the gavel of the Master and the Master cannot use it in an arbitrary manner. The Master has authority vested in no other presiding officer, for from his decision there is no appeal. Masons are brothers, and friendship and brotherly love needs no arbitrary law."

Under "Pennsylvania," he says:—

"Comp. H. P. John, G. H. P., announced from the Grand East 'that Subordinate Chapters when about to confer the lower degrees, are not to call off.' This was, we believe, Past Grand Lecturer Cook's instruction in Mississippi, and is practiced in some of the Chapters; but we confess we do not like it, and hope the Custodians of the Work in Mississippi will instruct otherwise. Surely a brother who has received the degrees of M. M., P. M. and M. E. M., but who has not been Exalted, is qualified to sit in a Mark Master's Lodge, and, if proficient, assist in conferring the degrees; yet if all said degrees must be conferred in a R. A. Chapter, then none but R. A. Masons can be present. We have always insisted upon opening and closing each lodge. We think it's the proper plan."

Comp. Wm. French was elected G. H. P., but he was removed by death about two months afterwards. They have also to mourn the loss of Comp. J. M. Howry, who was widely known, and highly esteemed.

R. E. Comp. J. L. Power (Jackson), G.S.

MISSOURI.

The 37th Convocation was held at St. Louis, May 8th, 1884
M. E. Comp. Alexander M. Dockery, G.H.P.

The past has been a year of unexampled fraternity and good feeling. Two new Chapters were organized.

The Committee on the address congratulate the Grand Chapter on the fact that it was unnecessary for the Grand High Priest to decide any new questions of law, which indicates that the officers have been efficient.

The following resolution was adopted :—

“Resolved, That hereafter there shall not be charged by Chapters in this jurisdiction any fee for affiliation to those who have paid dues within twelve months.”

Which is a move in the right direction.

The Grand Lecturer, Comp. Allan McDowell, reports the work of all the various subordinates as substantially correct and all have a proper outfit. He exemplified the work in all the degrees before the Grand Chapter.

The memorial of Quebec was referred to the incoming Grand High Priest.

A committee was appointed to revise the constitution.

The following was laid over to be acted on at the next Convocation :

“Resolved, That hereafter a candidate shall not be advanced in any Chapter in this Grand Chapter Jurisdiction, until such candidate shall first have been examined in open lodge as to his proficiency in the preceding degree.”

Which, if adopted, will be another step in advance.

The Grand Secretary returns to the old plan of writing his Report on Correspondence and frankly acknowledges that he was not pleased with his “new departure” last year, and he says that the preparation of a report by topics, besides requiring more time, patience and hard work, is not the one to give general satisfaction.

In his notice of Maine, he has some vigorous observations on public appearances :—

“This is just a little the worst and most inexcusable official act that we have ever noticed in any Grand Jurisdiction of the Royal Craft.

There are a few cases on record in the past decade where Commanderies of Knights Templar have been allowed to turn out in full regalia, with flying banners, nodding plumes and brass bands, to escort or participate in Fourth of July celebrations, or assist in the observance of Memorial Day, with the least trace of appropriateness, because of its being a semi-military

organization ; but even these have been of very, very rare occurrence, and so severely, generally and justly criticised, that the jurisdiction so hastily and unwittingly granting the same have repented in sack cloth and ashes, and never, no never is such a thing likely to occur again. But, oh ! ye shades of Mizpeh, Lebanon, Mt. Moriah, and all other hills about Jerusalem ; ye spirits of Joshua, Zerubbabel, Haggai, the Hiram, and the hundreds of venerable patriarchs, what will be thought of him that grants permission to a handful of your descendants and representatives turning out in the nineteenth century, with full sacerdotal robes, to join James E. Hall Post, Grand Army of the Republic, in the observance of Memorial Day. We pause in silence and wonder. But no echo comes from the everlasting granite hills of old Maine, for we find that, after studying over the case all day and dreaming over it all night, the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers report :

In the matter of dispensation granted to Hancock Chapter to appear in public in connection with G. A. R. on Memorial Day, we feel the propriety of so doing a question of doubtful expediency, and would therefore recommend that so much of the Grand High Priest's address as relates to the dispensation granted Hancock Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, that some regulation may be established and enforced governing the appearance of Royal Arch Masons in public.

And, stranger still, we find that the Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence, with Comp. Josiah H. Drummond as Chairman, was granted till next year to solve the knotty question of public processions. We shall anxiously await the solution of the relationship, or appropriateness, or expediency of Chapters, with their traditions, history and teachings, in the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees, joining with Posts of Grand Armies in observing Memorial Day."

Canada for 1883 receives a good notice. In reply to his query as to our position, we have no hesitation in announcing that we take our stand with those who hold that a deprivation of the rights of Lodge membership for non-payment of dues does not affect the standing of a Royal Arch Mason in his Chapter.

M. E. Comp. C. C. Woods (Kansas City), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Wm. H. Mayo (St. Louis), G.S.

NEBRASKA.

The 17th Convocation was held at Grand Island, Dec. 4th, 1883.

M. E. Comp. William H. Munger, G.H.P., reports two new Chapters.

In the report of the Grand Secretary, we find the following :—

"The annual returns for the year ending October 31, 1883, were received from all but two of the chartered Chapters by November 15, and funds were received from all these Chapters by November 15, excepting six. Believing that is better to coax than to whip, I offer the following amendment to Article V, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter :

'The fiscal year of this jurisdiction shall begin on the first day of Novem-

ber and end on the thirty-first day of October, and each chartered Chapter shall make its annual returns to the Grand Secretary within ten days thereafter and shall pay its Grand Chapter dues and fees on or before December 1.

On the recommendation of the committee on Returns, each chartered chapter for each Royal Arch Mason in good standing on its rolls at the beginning of the year, shall be credited with one cent for each day before December 1, both copies of its annual return, together with the appertaining funds, reach the Grand Secretary's office; provided, that such credit shall in no case exceed twenty-five cents for each Royal Arch Mason in good standing at the beginning of the year. The Committee on Returns shall not recommend the above stipulated credit unless the return is reasonably accurate and well made.'

The result of this law, if enacted, will be to put a premium on prompt accuracy in the rendition of returns; to induce the transmission of funds before the opening of the Grand Chapter, thus making practicable a thorough auditing of accounts; and to reduce the Grand Chapter dues from seventy-five cents to fifty cents per capita. I think the Grand Chapter will not be seriously embarrassed by the reduction in revenue.

I invite attention to the following resolution which was presented in the General Grand Chapter at its last triennial convocation (page —, proceedings of 1883) and which will be considered at the next triennial convocation at Washington City, in 1886; '*Resolved*, That membership in a Chapter should be dependent upon, and co-existent with, membership in a lodge of Freemasons.'

I recommend that the Grand Chapter of Nebraska enact a law in accordance with the resolution quoted. The tendency of to-day is to enrich the so-called 'higher degrees' at the expense of the lodge, which in turn weakens the advanced degrees by creating jealousy thereof. In the United States the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery make up an American system which it is the duty of each component part to maintain and perpetuate, it being plain that that which weakens any part must eventually weaken the whole. Many whose progress through these bodies is induced by the most praiseworthy motives, afterwards lose sight of and neglect the duty they owe to the lodge; and it will not be denied, I think, that many deem the lodge a mere stepping stone to the Chapter, and the Chapter but an avenue to organizations further along. The strongest Master Masons become Companions, and the most active Companions become Sir Knights; this is natural and inevitably draws away from the lodge many (not all) of those who thus advance. To this progress we should offer no objection; but when thereto is added demission from and utter neglect of the Lodge, it becomes our duty, I think, to declare that Royal Arch Masonry will not consent to such sapping of our foundation, such destruction of our cornerstone, such neglect of the regulation of Freemasonry which declares that 'every brother ought to belong to a lodge'—to declare that when a Companion, from any cause whatever, ceases to be a member in good standing of a Lodge, he then ceases to be a member in good standing in his Chapter, due allowance of time being made to cover transfer from one Lodge to another, when necessary. I have considered this matter in its many phases and can find no real objection to the enactment of the law I advocate; clearly Royal Arch Masonry has the right to determine what shall be the qualifications of its members; and if by our example we can induce organizations more advanced than ours to adopt this scheme of reciprocity, we shall have done much to strengthen, cement and perpetuate the 'American system.' I

submitted essentially the same proposition as this to the Grand Chapter in 1877 (page 589, Nebraska proceedings), but it was lost in committee."

The premium on returns will doubtless be a good move, but we cannot agree with the proposed restriction on Chapter membership. We are not aware that any of our Lodges have suffered by reason of the best members neglecting their duties to the Lodge in order to attend to the Chapter. Our experience is that the best men in the Chapters are the most active and energetic workers in their Lodges and the most regular in their attendance at Lodge meetings. Nor have we ever heard any complaints from the Lodges in this matter. Surely it would be time enough for the Chapters to restrict their membership in the way proposed when it is found to a certainty that injury is being done to the Lodges. We have no fears of any such injury.

A good Companion will not neglect his Lodge, if he is wanted there, but if he is comparatively useless in the Lodge, if there are plenty of good Master Masons to carry on the work without him and if he can make himself useful in the Chapter, why not let him do so, without imposing on him a futile and unnecessary restraint.

Comp. Bowen offered the following as an amendment to the Constitution, asking that it be laid over for consideration at the next Convocation, which was granted. We hope our Companions in Nebraska will not find any necessity for its adoption :—

Article 6, Sec. —. Membership in a Chapter is dependent upon, and co-existent with, membership in a lodge of Freemasons.

Any Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master or Royal Arch Mason who is suspended in or expelled from his lodge is *ipso facto* suspended in or expelled from his Chapter. Any Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, or Royal Arch Mason, who, for six months, remains unaffiliated with a lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons is *ipso facto* suspended in his Chapter, such suspension to be terminated by his affiliation with a lodge."

The following was adopted :—

"Resolved, That in case of offending Royal Arch Masons who are members of any other Chapter, the Chapter within whose jurisdiction the offender resides, or is sojourning, shall first send up charges and specifications to the Chapter of which the offender may be a member ; and should such Chapter waive jurisdiction, or refuse or neglect to take action in the premises, within sixty days thereafter, then the Chapter preferring the charges may proceed to try the same, in the manner prescribed by the laws of this Grand Chapter, and the result thereof shall be communicated to the Chapter in which the accused may be, or shall have last been a member."

The following query was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :—

“ A Royal Arch Mason, member of a foreign jurisdiction, now a resident of this jurisdiction, is engaged as a bartender in a saloon, dealing out liquors alike to Masons and cowans, thereby bringing discredit and disgrace upon the Fraternity. What is the duty of the High Priest of the Chapter within whose jurisdiction the companion now resides, as to bringing the companion to trial or discipline ?

To which this answer was returned :—

“ We find nothing in the constitution, by-laws or standing resolutions of this Grand Chapter relating thereto, but we are unanimously of the opinion that when the good of Royal Arch Masonry requires, it would be the duty of the High Priest within whose jurisdiction the offender resides, to notify him to appear before the Chapter, and there admonish him to cease such occupation, and if he persists in following the downward course, it would then be the duty of the Chapter to prefer charges against him in the Chapter where he holds his membership.”

The constitutional amendment offered by the Grand Secretary as to a premium on returns mentioned above was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

The penalty for tardy rendition of the annual returns of Lodges was abolished, and the Grand Chapter fee on exaltation was reduced from five dollars to three dollars.

The fee of \$5 for special dispensations for election and installation of officers was abolished. The constitution was also amended by adding a clause as follows :— “ No Mark Master shall be exalted to the Royal Arch until his Mark is recorded.

M. E. Comp. James A. Tulleys (Red Cloud) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Wm. R. Bowen (Omaha), G.S.

The 18th Convocation was held at Omaha, December 10th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. James A. Tulleys, G.H.P.

He issued four dispensations for new Chapters.

His decisions were as follows :—

“ First. A Companion cannot be High Priest of a chartered Chapter, who has not regularly served as King or Scribe. He may serve as High Priest of a Chapter U. D.

Second. Chapters can, if they so desire, make any of their members honorary, or life members, but they must be reported same as others for Grand Chapter dues.

Third. Query—Can a brother who has partially lost the use of his eyes after being a Master Mason be received into the Chapter ?

Answer—If qualified in other respects the partial loss of sight would not render him ineligible.

Fourth. Query—A brother is elected to take the Chapter degrees and receives the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master, when objection is made to his going further, does the objection stand without any charges being preferred or any opportunity given the candidate to make a defence?

Answer—To prevent advancement charges must be preferred—a simple objection is not sufficient.”

The Grand Secretary says that the effect of his rebate-credit scheme, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter last year, has been excellent, the returns and funds having been promptly received from all but one Chapter.

Quebec was sustained.

The third decision of the G. H. P. was not approved.

The resolution requiring that a High Priest must have first served as King or Scribe was repealed.

A proposal to increase the exaltation fee to Grand Chapter from three dollars to five dollars was lost.

A committee was appointed to arrange and codify the law. This codification appears in an appendix.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. Henry E. Palmer (Plattsmouth), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. William R. Bowen (Omaha) G.S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The 66th Convocation was held at Concord, May 20th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. Charles N. Towle, G.H.P.

There are 21 Chapters in this jurisdiction, all of which were represented in the Grand Chapter.

The G. H. P. displayed remarkable zeal and energy in visiting every Chapter in the State during the year—an occurrence without precedent in recent times in this jurisdiction. He examined into their condition, witnessed their work, and reports favorably of all. They have enjoyed peace and prosperity, with continued progress and the interest exhibited was of the most encouraging character.

The Committee on Revision of the Regulations of Grand Chapter reported progress and were granted further time.

Quebec was sustained.

The Report on Correspondence is again by Comp. A. S. Wait. Our proceedings for 1883 receive a very flattering notice. He does not believe in the limitation of the prerogatives of Grand Masters, and says :

“ We regret to think that the above views are growing in favor in this country. We believe that every departure from the ancient ways weakens our institution and lowers our character. The popularization of Masonry is but another name for the abandonment of the foundations upon which it rests. The frequent election of the Grand Master is a sufficient security against his exercise of powers for purposes of personal aggrandizement, and the powers with which he is for the time invested are the strongest possible incentive to a wise and careful selection by the brethren of the incumbent of that office. Reduce the functions of the Grand Master to that of a presiding officer over a parliamentary body, and you have at once shorn it of the high character it has borne, and the institution of that noble grandeur which it has maintained in the estimation of the world. We would not see the garments of our institution changed to gratify the passing whims of each succeeding season ; nor would we let go one single feature upon which its ancient character rests.”

The question is hardly one of reducing the powers of presiding officers in Masonic bodies, but of defining them. Suppose the powers of Grand Masters were left just as they are now, but have them specifically mentioned and detailed in the constitution. Would there be any harm in that ? If no harm, the advantage would be that there would be no exercise of any doubtful or disputed powers.

On non-payment of dues, he says :

“ Now, in New Hampshire, we treat the non-payment of dues to a lodge just as the law and the moral sentiment of the world treats the neglect to discharge a pecuniary obligation. It discharges the lodge from all obligation to the delinquent member, and gives it the right to deprive him of that which is the consideration of such payment, namely, lodge membership with its privileges and advantages ; but it does not deprive him of his standing as a Master Mason, which he gained by receiving the degrees. That can only be forfeited by Masonic crime. It does not deprive individual Masons of the right to associate with him masonically, more than failure to pay a debt deprives citizens generally of the right to associate with or give credit to the debtor. Nor does it sever his relations from the Chapter so long as he performs his obligations to it, any more than does the law of public morals, by the failure to discharge a pecuniary obligation, deprive the creditor of his privilege to obtain credit if he can elsewhere. This argument from the commercial morality of the world will not bear examination. It falls to pieces as soon as it is approached. The premise assumed is without foundation—in fact no superstructure built upon it can stand. .

M. E. Comp. Alpheus W. Baker (Lebanon), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. George P. Cleaves (Concord), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

The 28th Convocation was held at Trenton, September 10th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. Archibald J. Wark, G.H.P.

In his address we find the following :

“March 14th, 1884, received a communication from Siloam Chapter, No. 19, at Camden, asking if they could receive the petition and confer the degree of M.E.M. on one who had received the M.M.M., P.M. and R. A. degrees in Ireland, and had a certificate of membership and dimit, the applicant being a member of a Lodge in New Jersey but a resident of Philadelphia.

After consultation, I wrote Siloam Chapter that in view of all the facts in the case, it would perhaps be best for the Brother to apply to a Chapter in Philadelphia for the missing link, but the Brother preferred to join in New Jersey. Accordingly, I wrote M. E. Companion A. R. Hall, on April 21st, for his views in the matter, and received the following reply :

‘That as the application is from one who professes to be a R.A.M. applying for membership, it is a case with which the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has nothing to do, and have no knowledge of and know of no objection to his becoming a member of Siloam Chapter at Camden.’

Notified Siloam Chapter that if, after a proper examination of the applicant, they were satisfied he was all he claimed to be, they could receive his application and confer the degree.”

Reports were also presented by the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe. They had visited a large number of the Chapters and found them generally in good condition, accurate in the work and with harmony prevailing.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers reported in part as under :

The committee congratulate the Grand Chapter that it appears from the address of the Grand High Priest and the reports of the other Grand Officers that the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction is generally in a prosperous state, and as one of the means contributing to this desirable condition of affairs the committee take pleasure in commending the faithful discharge of duty by the Companions specially entrusted with the care of the interests of Royal Arch Masonry as officers of the Grand Chapter during the past year. * * *

4. In relation to the matter of the Book of Marks, particularly mentioned by the Grand High Priest in his address, your committee cordially agree with him in the importance of the subject, and while they are not prepared to suggest any new regulation or any change in the existing law of this Grand Chapter, they nevertheless recommend that the Grand Chapter do strongly urge upon the Craft, and especially upon the High Priests of the subordinate Chapters, that the selecting and recording of a Mark is not only contemplated by the ritual and by the General Regulations, but is in reality a part of the M. M. M. degree, and necessary to its completeness, and such selection should therefore, in regular course, be made by every candidate.

5. The committee feel that that portion of the report of the Deputy Grand High Priest which relates to the desirableness of uniformity in the work of the Chapters subordinate to this Grand Body, and of the adoption of some means whereby that end may be attained, merits more than a passing notice, and respectfully recommend that the Grand Chapter present to the favorable consideration of the Grand High Priest who shall be elected at this annual convocation, the propriety of the exemplification of the work of the Capitular degrees, under his direction, during the coming year, at one or more convenient points in the state."

We regret to notice that the Grand Secretary has been suffering from a prolonged sickness. We hope that he may soon be restored to health. His report on correspondence is published in an unfinished condition, the state of his health preventing its completion. Canada for 1883 receives a good notice. On the address of Comp. Ross, he says :

"The Companion, in the opening of his address, made use of the following piece of irony : "I rejoice to know that when we, who have borne the burden and heat of the day, are ready to depart, there are so many worthy Companions willing and able to take our places in the Chapter." A previous page of the volume proclaiming that thirteen offices were filled by temporary appointment."

Which is rather a neat hit. •

Comp. Edwards thinks that our scheme of benevolence is too elaborate in detail to be of permanent value in its present form.

We make our best bow for the following :

Companion Robertson presented his sixteenth Report on Correspondence. Sixteen years of such labor betokens a love for the Order, and a zeal in the performance of duty far, far beyond that of the average Mason. May the jurisdiction be served for many years to come by this keen and courteous writer, who has placed Canada among the foremost of her peers."

We are glad to notice that Comp. Edwards draws a distinction between the powers of a Grand High Priest and the prerogatives of a Grand Master : the office of Grand Master "being pre-historic, while the other is constitutional and a modernism almost within a living memory."

M. E. Comp. Henry S. Haines (Burlington), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Geo. B. Edwards (Jersey City), G. S.

NEW YORK.

The 88th convocation was held at Albany, February 3rd, 1885.

M. E. Com. James E. Morrison, G. H. P.

After giving the request for recognition from the Grand Chapter of Portugal, Comp. Morrison says :—

"After considering the request contained in this letter, I concluded not to

enter into the proposed negotiations. I am confident that the method of forming the Grand Chapter of Portugal would not be tolerated in this country. It seems to have been done in this wise: Certain English Masons applied for authority of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Portugal to form a Chapter, which might create others and declare itself a Grand Chapter. Aside from the fact that the Grand Lodge of Portugal is an irregular body, being subject to the Supreme Council, we cannot, at this late day, recognize its right to create Chapters and Grand Chapters, nor can we regard the bodies thus created as having any affinity with our system. But, if there were no doubt that the body in question is entirely legitimate and worthy of recognition, I should still have declined to act until instructed by the Grand Chapter; as I consider the act of recognition one which can only be accomplished by the Grand Chapter itself; and I took the view that the exercise of any power, in the way of negotiation, on the part of the Grand High Priest, in the interim, might lead to annoying embarrassment, if not to serious complications. I ask that the subject shall receive such consideration from the Grand Chapter as may be deemed best for the interests of the Royal Craft."

A new Chapter was organized at Tonawanda with good prospects of success.

We copy some of his decisions:—

"1. March 11th, 1884, I received a communication, which was forwarded to me by R. E. Comp. James L. Lambert, from Comp. George Sheffield, of Wellsville Chapter, No. 143. It was in the nature of a complaint against the High Priest, who, it appears, proceeded to confer the degree of Mark Master upon a candidate who had passed the scrutiny of the ballot, 'notwithstanding objections filed' by Comp. Sheffield to his advancement. I was asked to arrest the progress of the candidate. In answer to the communication, I wrote to Comp. Sheffield, under date of March 12th, substantially as follows:

'I fail to see wherein the High Priest was in error. The constitution provides a method for preventing the admission of a candidate for the degree of Mark Master, and only one, namely, a demand for a new ballot, if a ballot has before resulted favorably; and a rejection on the second ballot will have the same effect, as if the candidate had been rejected on the previous ballot. It rested with the High Priest to decide whether he should regard Comp. Sheffield's objection as sufficient to deter him from conferring the degree, in the absence of the objector's use of the constitutional right.' I declined to arrest the progress of the candidate on the meagre statement that Com. Sheffield had filed objections thereto. If a candidate is unfitted for the Royal Craft, for any reason which would render him liable to discipline, charges should be preferred against him in the usual Masonic way; a merely personal objection, to be made effective in excluding a candidate, very properly requires from the objector an open demand for the ballot, if the High Priest will not himself assume the responsibility of ordering the ballot, as if on his own demand.

3. M. E. Comp. P. M. Nast, H. P., of Steuben Chapter, No. 101, submitted the following:

'When the High Priest of a Chapter appoints a special convocation for the purpose of conferring either of the first three degrees in the Chapter (namely, Mark, Past or the Most Excellent Master's degree) must the Chapter (when the special convocation takes place) be opened and closed

on the Royal Arch degree? Or can a lodge be opened and closed on either of the above-mentioned degrees?

On the 15th of May, in answer to this question, I decided:

'That no degree under the jurisdiction and control of this Grand Chapter can legally be conferred except as part of the proceedings of a Chapter convocation. It will, therefore, be necessary to open the Chapter before changing to an inferior degree.'

4. Comp. Nast also submitted the following:

'Has a brother the right to be present at the conferring of the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter, who is not a Royal Arch Mason, but who has received the Past Master's degree in Pennsylvania!'

My answer was:

No. The Past Master's degree is under the control of the Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania, and is there conferred in pursuance of a District Deputy Grand Master's dispensation. No one who has not received the Past Master's degree under the auspices of a Royal Arch Chapter, can be permitted to be present in a Past Master's Lodge, opened under a Royal Arch warrant, in the State of New York.

6. 'On the 14th of November, 1884, in answer to a communication from M. E. Henry Hasbrouck, H. P., of Poughkeepsie Chapter, No. 172, I decided that the High Priest is justified in requiring that he should be advised of the nature of the objection to the advancement of a candidate who has been duly elected, before acting upon a "private objection." He will then be in a position to determine whether he should delay the advancement of a candidate, without a demand for a ballot.'

A large amount of local business was transacted.

Washington Territory was recognized.

Quebec was sustained.

Portugal was referred to the Council of Grand Officers with power.

The following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter no candidate shall be advanced in any lodge or Chapter in this jurisdiction until he shall have made suitable proficiency in the preceding degree, by committing to memory the short form of lecture appertaining to that degree, as taught by the Grand Lecturer, and that the system of lectures prepared by the Grand Lecturer is hereby adopted as the standard of such proficiency."

The death is announced of Comp. John S. Dickerman, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter since 1868, a faithful and efficient officer and an earnest and beloved Companion. Also the death of Comp. Horace S. Taylor, P.G.H.P., and P.G.M.

The Report on Correspondence is as usual by Comp. Darius S. Ogden. It is needless to say that it is first class in every respect. Our proceedings for 1884 are carefully and

thoroughly reviewed. Comp. Ogden repeats with pleasure his former conviction that

“Capitular Masonry is in good hands on the other side of the lakes and rivers, and that New York heartily wishes their northern neighbors long life and abundant prosperity.”

M. E. Comp. James E. Morrison (New York), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox (Buffalo), G.S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The 36th Convocation was held at Elizabeth City, May 28th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. Eugene Grissom, G.H.P.

On their condition, he says :

“The following communication addressed to the High Priest of each Chapter explains its purpose :

‘With a view to promote Capitular Masonry in North Carolina, I desire information concerning the Chapters in this jurisdiction. Will you please answer the following questions :

1st. What is the condition of your Chapter ?

2nd. If not meeting regularly, or actively at work, what is the cause ?

3rd. What suggestions can you give looking to an increase of interest in your Chapter ?

4th. Is your Chapter practicing the work adopted by the Grand Chapter, as amended by the General Grand Chapter ?

This fourth question has an additional reference to the modified work authorized by the last Annual Convocation, rendered necessary by the consolidation of the Chapter and Council degrees.

To these enquiries full and explicit answers are requested, with a view to further correspondence if necessary. It is my purpose to visit as many of the Chapters as convenient during my official term, and aid in the encouragement and promotion of Capitular Masonry, and the revival of dormant Chapters.’

Responses were received from most of the High Priests whose Chapters are regularly at work, but the silence of others I regard as an indication of dormancy or inertness. There is increased zeal in some of the Chapters, the result in almost every instance, of the acquisition of knowledge of the work through the agency of a Grand Lecturer. My observation is, that where a Chapter has a good working force of proficient members, it is progressive. It is of the utmost importance to the Chapters to procure the services of a Grand Lecturer as the only means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the work which is essential to an intelligent and satisfactory conferring of the degrees, and especially the beautiful modifications of the ritualistic work made by the authority of the General Grand Chapter. I enforce these suggestions upon such Chapters as are deficient in the work, and commend them to their earnest consideration, relating as they do, to interests which involve the very existence of some Chapters.”

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of

their system of work submitted the following report, which was adopted :

“That the present consolidation of the degrees of Royal and Select Master within the purview of the Grand Chapter, is probably the best conclusion that could have been reached under the circumstances, within this Grand Jurisdiction, and we recommend that the work of the Chapter, and the work, as formerly taught in the Council, be submitted to a committee consisting of the outgoing and incoming Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, and the last Most Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council, for such revision as will make the consolidated work harmonious and satisfactory.

A further resolution on the same subject was also carried :

“*Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest of this Grand Jurisdiction and the last acting Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, be appointed a committee to adapt the work of the Council to that of the Chapter, made necessary by the consolidation of the two orders ; and that the work adopted by said committee be binding upon the Subordinate Chapters within this Jurisdiction until changed by the proper authority.”

Comp. J. I Macks, the chairman of the committee was unable to prepare a report on correspondence.

The death is announced of Comp. C. M. VanOrsdell, P. G. H. P., who was an eminent and zealous Mason.

M. E. Comp. Geo. W. Blount (Wilson) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Donald W. Bain (Raleigh) G. S.

OHIO.

The 68th Convocation was held at Tiffin, September 16th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. John W. Chamberlain, G.H.P.

He reports two new Chapters and a third application from eleven Companions refused for these three reasons :—

“After due consideration I declined to grant their request for three reasons : the close proximity to an already existing Chapter, not exceeding eight miles ; the very limited supply of material for the proposed new Chapter to draw from, and which supply is diminishing instead of increasing ; and the limited number of petitioners.”

He visited a number of Chapters and found most of them in good condition. His recommendations are as follow :

“In the application for a dispensation to organize a new Chapter, Sec. 3, Art. 2 of the constitution of this Grand Chapter specifies that it must be accompanied with a certificate from the nearest Chapter recommending the granting of the dispensation. Believing that this frequently works an injustice to already existing Chapters, whose jurisdiction may be seriously affected by the establishment of a new Chapter, but not being the nearest Chapter are not consulted in the matter, would therefore recommend that in all applications for dispensations to organize new Chapters, the petition-

ers be required to obtain the consent and recommendation of all Chapters whose jurisdiction may be affected.

Sections 14 and 15 of the Rules and Regulations for the government of Subordinate Chapters, stipulates that the officers-elect of a Chapter shall be installed into office at the time of election, or within forty days thereafter, and in case of failure to elect the Grand High Priest may authorize special election. The forty days allowed in which to install appears to be too short a time for a large number of Chapters, and every year the Grand High Priest is called on to grant dispensations to install—this year in twenty-five cases. Believing that a great many Chapters become careless in this matter, knowing that all that is necessary to do is to write to the Grand High Priest for authority to install at a later date, and it is granted, would therefore recommend that the time for installation be extended to March 1st of each year and Chapters that fail to install their officers within that time, be required to retain the old officers until the ensuing election.

Quite a number of Grand Chapters of different States have adopted resolutions by which commissions issued to their representatives near other Grand Chapters shall terminate at the time fixed for the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. That this may be uniform as far as possible, would suggest the adoption of a similar rule by this Grand Chapter.

There is in force a resolution of this Grand Chapter requiring all Subordinate Chapters to report to the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary a list of their officers immediately after their installation, and the Grand Secretary furnishes each Chapter with the necessary blanks for this purpose, and yet less than one-half of the Chapters during the past year, sent me this list. This is an important matter to the Grand High Priest, as he frequently desires to correspond with some of the officers of Subordinate Chapters, and owing to this neglect on the part of secretaries he is unable to tell who the officers are. Some action seems necessary to enforce this rule."

The following resolution and regulation were adopted—the latter showing their method of procedure in cases of non-payment of dues :—

Resolved, That hereafter the commissions of our representatives near other Grand Chapters shall terminate at the time fixed for the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America." * * *

"The Subordinate Chapters shall have authority to assess such dues upon their members, from time to time, as they shall deem just and expedient; and the by-laws of each Chapter shall designate the amount of dues so assessed, and the time for the payment thereof, which shall be considered sufficient notice to each member. And it is hereby made the imperative duty of the High Priest to cause the secretary to enter suspended every member who shall be in arrears for six months after the time fixed for the payment, and if his dues are not paid within three months thereafter he may be expelled; and in default of such payment, charges shall be preferred against such delinquent member, and proceedings had in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-five of the Rules and Regulations for the government of Subordinate Chapters."

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada for 1882 and 1883 receive special attention from Comp. J. Kelly O'Neill. He wants to know if a dispensation can set aside a provision of the constitution. Why, of course it can, and in most cases, that is what it is made for. But such are not the views entertained in Ohio.

M. E. Comp. John W. Chamberlain (Tiffin), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. James Nesbitt (Troy), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At a quarterly meeting of June 5th, 1884, a resolution was adopted with reference to a resident of Pennsylvania, who received the Royal Arch degree in Scotland, while there on a visit. It was resolved not to recognize him as a Royal Arch Mason, as he had not the qualifications necessary to entitle him to the Royal Arch Degree in Pennsylvania. One of these qualifications is that every candidate for exaltation must have "passed the chair," which is not necessary in Scotland.

On Dec. 4th, 1884, it was resolved that the only way by which a companion could become a member of the Grand Chapter, was to have served as High Priest of a Chapter within that jurisdiction for one year. Service as High Priest in another jurisdiction is not sufficient.

In the report of the Committee on Charity, we find the following paragraph :—

"Inasmuch as the several charity funds of the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Pennsylvania, Subordinate Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters of this jurisdiction, are happily provided with ample and increasing means, and their representatives so earnestly and thoroughly perform their work of aiding our poor and needy brethren, Companions, their widows and orphans ; that your committee has made but a single call upon the generosity of this Grand Chapter, during the past Masonic year.

The above is a notable fact and speaks well for the thorough organization of the benevolent arrangements in this jurisdiction.

Companion Louis Wagner called the attention of the Grand Chapter to the Home for Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, that a house had been rented at 3337 North Broad street, and that the Home would be formally opened on January 1st, 1885, next, and extended a cordial invitation on behalf of the Board of Managers for the members of Grand Chapter and Royal Arch Masons to be present and assist in the ceremonies.

The Annual Convocation was held at Philadelphia December 27th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. Augustus R. Hall, G. H. P., delivered a very able and interesting address, from which we make the following extracts :

“Since I last had the pleasure of addressing you, the Masonic Home, the organization of which was then under consideration, has become an established fact. A charter has been obtained, and a complete organization has been effected. A property has been rented at Broad and Ontario streets, and a formal opening of the Home will take place January 1, 1885.

Thus has been accomplished a measure, too long delayed, which will redound to the credit of the Craft, and our disabled and worthy Brother Masons will be assured of a haven of rest during their declining years.

Many of our Masonic Bodies have already made themselves members of the Home, and the three Mark Lodges (Columbia, Girard and Excelsior) have collectively donated \$4,000 as the nucleus of a permanent fund, the interest to be used toward sustaining the institution, and I hope this noble example will be followed by others, until the fund will be of sufficient amount, the income from which will place it beyond all future needs.

It affords me much pleasure in bespeaking for it your best consideration, and one well worthy of your support and encouragement.

It is gratifying to note the growing interest and increased attendance at the meetings of the Grand Chapter. At the last Quarterly Communication we had with us Companion members an unusually large number, showing that Capitular Masonry is receiving that attention which it merits, and that the Companions are learning to appreciate the beauties of its ritual and the solemnities and moral character of its teachings.

It is a matter of congratulation that the finances of the Grand Chapter continue in a prosperous condition. For further details, I refer you to the full and satisfactory report of the Committee on Finance.

During the year, grand official visitations have been made to the several Chapters meeting in the city of Philadelphia, as well, also, to as many as practicable located outside of the city. Reports of the M. E. Grand Secretary showed that nearly all of them were in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. The most of them were doing work, and the rituals were rendered in strict conformity to regulation. Addressess were made giving such advice and instruction as seemed fitting to the occasion.

In November I directed the Worshipful Masters of the several Mark Lodges to call a special meeting of their Lodges on Friday evening, November 14th, 1884, for the purpose of meeting with the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter. The meeting was very satisfactory, there being in attendance upwards of two hundred Mark Master Masons.

The report of the M. E. Grand Secretary showed the excellent condition, financially, of each Mark Lodge, the aggregate amounting to nearly \$37,000. I delivered an address commending the Lodges for their liberal bestowal of Charity, and suggesting that, if they could not resume work, as in former years, it would redound to their credit everlastingly should they establish a permanent fund, the interest of which to be used for charitable purposes. The Mark degree was exemplified by the Grand Officers. That this Grand visitation has had a beneficial effect is already evidenced

by the action of the several Mark Lodges at their meetings following this visitation by cheerfully donating to form a nucleus of a fund, the interest to be used for the benefit of the Masonic Home. That the Mark Lodges are in such a healthy financial condition is an evidence that they must have done much work in former years, for laterly they have done nothing, so to speak, and have been living on their money realized in the times of their prosperity.

It seems to me that some action should be had to restore the Mark Lodges to their usefulness of former years. The Grand Chapter, when it established them, authorized them to confer the Mark Degree on candidates who had not previously passed the Chair in a Lodge of Master Masons. After a time the Grand Chapter enacted a law requiring candidates to pass the Chair before receiving the Mark Degree. From thence dates the decadence of the Mark Lodge. The reason given for the change was that the Mark Lodges were working injury to the Chapters. This is only a mercenary view at best. Furthermore, what evidence have we that such was the case, or that the change has benefited the Chapters. None. And the query arises, When two make an agreement, how can one morally break it?

The result of these visitations have been very satisfactory. In every instance the Grand Officers have been received with much cordiality, a lively interest has been manifested by the Companions and a spirit of activity engendered that must ultimately be beneficial to the craft.

I requested the M. E. High Priests of the several Chapters to give more attention to the Royal Arch Degree. Not that the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees should be neglected, for they form a part of one harmonious system, but, because heretofore, the Mark Degree particularly seems to have absorbed the attention of the officers, for what reason I am at a loss to conceive.

The Royal Arch Degree in its solemnity, impressiveness, and in its moral and religious exemplifications stands alone. It is the degree of the Chapter and is the most sublime degree of Ancient Craft Masonry. It needs only to be studied, to learn and appreciate its beauties. I have also suggested to them not to confer more than two degrees at one meeting. It is impossible to render the rituals properly unless ample time is given to do so, and any High Priest who detains the Companions, oftentimes, until an unseemly hour of the night, cannot find fault with those Companions if they leave the Chapter before it closes at other times, or else neglect the meeting altogether.

On these visitations I have been accompanied by a full corps of Grand Officers, each one of whom has contributed his best efforts to their success. It affords me much pleasure to extend to them my sincere thanks for their prompt and cordial response to every call of duty, and I also desire to acknowledge with pleasure the many attentions given to the Grand Officers by the District Deputy Grand High Priests and the Companions of the several Chapters. The intelligence of the Officers of the Chapters has been noteworthy and gratifying, showing that the Companions have conferred their honors on worthy and competent persons.

The subjects of life membership and annual dues are becoming of such importance and obtaining such a position that it will be necessary ere long, for this grand body to take action therein. The system of life membership of itself is to be commended. For instance, a brother joins a Chapter, and at the time is supposed, financially speaking, to be fully able to do so,

at the same time it is fair to infer that he is capable of purchasing a life membership, which he neglects to do. Sooner or later he meets with the reverses of fortune, so we are all exposed to the vicissitudes of life, and from which none are exempt," he becomes unable to pay his annual dues, allows himself to be suspended, and thus we lose to the Fraternity many a good man, who, if he had made himself a life member when he was able at the time of his initiation would have continued with us. The objection heretofore has been, and is now, that the price for life membership is too low and the money obtained therefrom has been spent, instead of being invested, and the interest only used, and the Chapters ere they were aware of it, became insolvent and without sufficient income to pay their expenses.

The Grand Chapter should fix a limit for life membership, and no Chapter should be permitted to take a less sum, and the amount so obtained required to be invested, and the interest only used.

So it is with annual dues. A small Chapter without a partially or wholly sustaining invested fund, must charge their members enough annual dues to enable them to pay their expenses. A large Chapter, numerically, having about the same expense is enabled to charge less dues than one with fewer members, thereby offering inducements for applicants to the detriment of weaker Chapters. The consequence is that the weaker Chapter languishes and becomes financially embarrassed and ultimately ceases to exist. This should not be, the Grand Chapter should regulate this as well as the question of life membership. It is folly to say that this is a question over which the Grand Chapter has no control. It has as much right to legislate on these questions as it has on the question of the price of admission, which it has already done. Beside the Grand Chapter is morally bound to protect and encourage by all honorable means those Chapters that it has brought into existence, and this can work no detriment to others, and a cheerful acquiescence in the measure will give a practical exemplification of those sentiments of harmony, good will and brotherly love, which we teach in the various degrees. Companions, keep this in your mind and extend a helping hand to your Companions in time of need. Probably you will say that you do not need the money for the expenses of your Chapter, perhaps not, but there are many commendable ways in which you can dispose of it. Let your charity be as grateful and diffusive as the incense arising from your oblations to heaven, and remember that in "charity there is no excess."

We also copy some of his decisions :—

"It requires three Royal Arch Masons to be present to open a Chapter. The degree cannot be conferred unless six Royal Arch Masons are present. The warrant must in every case be present.

No High Priest can become a member of Grand Chapter unless he has served one full year as High Priest of a Chapter within this jurisdiction. At the time of installation the High Priest must receive the order of High Priesthood, when there must be present three Past High Priests who have received the order of High Priesthood.

A petition cannot be withdrawn after a favorable report and ballot.

Chapters and lodges must adopt by-laws.

Chapters must elect representatives annually.

A vote cast, if even in error, at an election of officers cannot be changed after the ballot has been declared closed.

The Tylers when acting as such of Chapters or Mark Lodges must be fully clothed in official clothing (collar, apron and jewel, and sword). This applies to every officer of a Chapter or lodge.

Comp. Andrew Zane, jun., presents his last report on correspondence. Canada, for 1884, is noticed.

M. E. Comp. Geo. W. Kendrick, G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Charles E. Meyer, G. S.

Address, Masonic Temple, Broad street, Philadelphia.

QUEBEC.

The Eighth Convocation was held at Montreal, January 27th, 1885.

M. E. Comp. H. L. Robinson, Grand Z.

On the state of the craft at home he says :—

“Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the past year, and no questions have been submitted to me, either by individual Companions or by Subordinate Chapters, of sufficient importance to warrant official mention. To the fraternal spirit which actuates the membership of this jurisdiction, and the thorough knowledge which prevails of our written law and of the ancient landmarks, is to be attributed this commendable situation.

The increase in membership has been sufficiently gratifying. No large additions can, from the nature of our position in this province be expected, but the annual increase displays a steady growth that warrants the belief that Royal Arch Masonry is generally appreciated by the Craft, and that its future is unclouded by doubt of the fulfilment of its mission.”

On their relations with the Grand Mark Lodge of England, he says :—

“I regret to say that there has been no change in the relations between this Grand Chapter and that Grand Lodge since the last Annual Convocation. Strenuous efforts have been made by our English brethren to influence the sister Grand Chapters in the U. S. A., to withdraw their support from this Grand Chapter, to endorse the invasion of our territory made by that Grand Lodge, and condone the violation of its treaty of recognition with us. Those efforts have been unsuccessful. The Grand Chapters of Texas, Vermont, Illinois and District of Columbia have already issued edicts of non-intercourse with that Grand Lodge, and nearly, if not all, of the Chapters of the United States have endorsed the principle for which we are contending, expressed sympathy with us, and notified the Grand Lodge to that effect in unmistakable terms. The further refusal of the Grand Lodge to comply with the fraternal recommendations of those Grand Chapters will, I have no doubt, leave her without an ally upon this continent in a very short time. The effect thus far has been to ostracise Quebec English Mark Masons in those jurisdictions. The documents received, and correspondence had with and relating to our English brethren, will be laid before you, and I commend them to your serious

consideration. I did not desire to trespass upon your time by incorporating them herein. The action of the different Grand Chapters in the matter will be disclosed, I am led to believe, in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which will be duly submitted. I have no recommendation to make as to future action beyond the expression of the hope that the Grand Chapter will remain firm in the position which it has taken, trusting that in due time our efforts will be crowned with success.

It would be ungrateful on my part, did I fail at this time to tender, as I take this occasion of so doing, the thanks of this Grand Chapter to the many eminent masons in the United States, who have by voice and pen aided in the clear understanding of the difficulties between the two Grand Bodies, and have sought to bring about a peaceful solution. The prudent counsels given and the kind sympathy expressed have been gratefully received and heartily appreciated.

With reference to the Grand Chapter of England, he reports having written to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, suggesting united action on the part of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in dealing with the English lodges and Chapters in Quebec, and then says:—

“To this I have received no official reply, but subsequently had the pleasure of a personal interview with M. W. the Grand Master, at which he showed me a letter to the Grand Lodge of England in reference to the withdrawal of the warrants of English Lodges in this Province, and which was forwarded to the Grand Master of England. I have had no further correspondence or communications relating to the matters contained in said letter, and am therefore unable to state officially the result of the action of the Grand Lodge. It has been stated in the public journals that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England had declined to comply with the request of M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and I have through the same medium had communication of the edict of the latter, severing fraternal intercourse with English Masons and Lodges in Quebec. It will thus be seen that the Grand Lodge did not accept the proposition to act conjointly with the Grand Chapter in the matter. I am still of the opinion that the course proposed by the Grand Chapter was the one most likely to produce the best results, nor do I think that it would have weakened the demands of the Grand Lodge, for whatever may have been the complications in the past affecting the position of the Grand Lodge towards our English brethren, there has been neither agreement for, nor acquiescence in, the continuation of English R. A. Chapters in this Province on the part of the Grand Chapter. It appeared to me the Grand Lodge would have benefited in that respect by concurrent action. At the same time I am convinced that M. W. the Grand Master arrived at the determination to act alone after due consideration, and in the belief that such a course would be most advisable to bring about a successful issue and most consonant with the maintenance of the dignity of the Grand Lodge. It is possible that his procedure was the best considered and more likely to obtain the end desired. At all events, if successful, the benefit would accrue to us by the withdrawal of the English Chapters with the Lodges of which they were adjuncts.

Under the circumstances, I decided, after conferring with distinguished members of the fraternity, to defer action until the result of the efforts of

the Grand Lodge was known. Such results as have become known are so recent that it was not difficult to decide to submit the matter to this convocation for its action. Whilst not desiring to influence such action in any way, I still deem it my duty to recommend the Grand Chapter to renew the instructions given to the Grand Z. at the last convocation, and to instruct him to issue an edict against our English brethren after due notice. We cannot consistently do less under the circumstances without imperilling our dignity as a Grand Chapter, and forfeiting the respect and support of the sister Grand Bodies. The action of the English Grand Chapter in issuing a new warrant to a Chapter that had surrendered its old warrant twenty years or so ago, is a convincing argument for immediate action. Apart from fraternal considerations, common humanity requires that the handful of English Masons in Montreal should be speedily relieved from the exertions necessary to enable them to work so many Chapters and Lodges of various sorts, in their efforts to make it appear that they are in reality as large and powerful a body as they appear to be on paper.

However, as an assurance to our English Companions that we are actuated solely by a desire for the best interests of the Craft in this Province, and the peace, harmony and security of the Order at home and abroad, I recommend that this Grand Chapter give a pledge to the following effect. That providing our English Brethren and Companions surrender their warrants of every order, and affiliate with this Grand Chapter on or before the first day of May next, then this Grand Chapter will at its next Annual Convocation, confer the title of Past Grand Z. upon their chief officer here, and will elect one of their number as a Principal of this Grand Chapter, and bury in oblivion all past differences."

Comp. Robinson advocates the adoption of the American system of work :—

"For many years I have been impressed with the idea that it was a mistake on the part of this Grand Chapter, as well as the mother Grand Chapter of Canada, that in adopting the American curriculum as to the degrees controlled or under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter and its Subordinate Chapters, a step further had not been taken and the American ritual as well as titles adopted. We have neither the English nor American system at present, but one peculiarly our own, and which leaves us to some extent isolated. We have taken the American system as to the inclusion of the Mark and Intermediate Degrees with the Royal Arch, retained the English titles and adopted a distinctive work in some degrees identical with the English, and in others the American work. All this leads to embarrassment in fraternal visitations. The ritual used in the United States is practically the same in each jurisdiction and in Nova Scotia, having been prepared by the General Grand Chapter of the United States. My visits to Grand and Subordinate Chapters in the United States and the examinations made of their work, have convinced me that their system and work are excellent, and that it would be wise in a small jurisdiction like ours to abandon a system and ritual that leaves us almost isolated, for one that would confer so many advantages. I am quite sure that ten Quebec R. A. Masons visit U. S. Chapters for every one that visits such Chapters in England, and the differences in the work are such as to cause annoyance to the visitors and to the visited, and too often lead to absolute exclusion. I presume one reason for the adoption of our system was the absence of uniformity in the United States at that time, and another was that the majority here was more accustomed to the general features of our work.

The general adoption by the Grand Chapters of the work prepared by the General Grand Chapter of the United States has cured the defect of a want of uniformity, and it appears to me the part of true wisdom, to adopt a work now almost the same on this Continent. It would have a tendency to further fraternal relations between not only Grand Chapters, but individual Masons on this Continent. In the jurisdiction there is one Subordinate Chapter that has adhered to the American work, and the skill of its members, as well as the prosperity of the Chapter, affords an illustration of what might be the outcome throughout the jurisdiction if the Grand Chapter should adopt that work. It might not be advisable to make a speedy change without due consideration, but I respectfully submit to the Grand Chapter whether it is not of sufficient importance to refer the matter to a special committee to report at the next annual convocation. I am confident that the General Grand Chapter of the United States would hail with pleasure our adoption of a system which has been the result of great care on their part, and would cheerfully welcome us to the circle of Sister Grand Chapters within that system on this Continent."

An amendment to the constitution was adopted, giving Past Principals a right to vote at the election of Grand Superintendents.

The committee on the address of the Grand Z. reported in part as follows :—

"Your Committee recommend the endorsement of the remarks made by the Most Excellent Z. in relation to the difficulty with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and would suggest the renewing of the resolution of the special committee on the Grand Z.'s address adopted last year on this subject.

Your Committee also think concurrent action between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Quebec would have been advisable, but do not desire to express any disapproval of the action taken by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in his decision to act alone, inasmuch as he was probably actuated by considerations which appeared to him entirely satisfactory, and your Committee would concur in the recommendation that the Grand Z. be authorized to issue an edict of non-intercourse against the Grand Chapter of England, for reasons already expressed, whenever it may be deemed necessary and proper.

With reference to the question of Ritual your Committee think the remarks of the Grand Z. on this subject worthy of consideration and of sufficient importance to be referred to a special committee as suggested, and recommend that the Grand Z. appoint such a committee, to report at next convocation.

The report on correspondence is by Comps A. F. Simpson, W. H. Whyte, and J. Massie, jr. Our proceedings for 1884 receive due notice. They return

"Many, many thanks, Companions of Canada, for your very fraternal and valuable support thus heartily given to your daughter in Quebec."

On the name of our Grand Chapter, Comp. Whyte says :—

“Is it not high time that the nomenclature and seal of our old mother Grand Chapter was changed. It is not in reality ‘The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.’ Since the first Dominion Day, 1867, the name ‘Canada’ applies to the whole Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and as the Grand Chapter of Canada has only jurisdiction now in the Province of Ontario, it is certainly a misnomer to call it by its present title. We make these few remarks in all friendliness to our many friends in the said Grand Chapter; for truly and loyally a Quebec man, we are proud of our certificate of exaltation under No. 25, G. C. of Canada.”

M. E. Comp. John P. Noyes (Waterloo), Grand Z.

R. E. Comp. David Seath (Montreal), G. S. E.

RHODE ISLAND.

The 86th Convocation was held at Providence, March 11th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. Samuel G. Stiness, G. H. P.

He reports peace and prosperity.

In answer to a query, which was propounded to him, he thus replied :—

“As you request a ruling that you may know your duty in the matter, in reply would say, that while I agree most fully with the sentiment of the protest, there is no law or regulation of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island which recognizes suspension from membership in the lodge as a forfeiture of all Masonic rights. Nor does the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island consider that a brother suspended for non-payment of dues has committed an unmasonic offence, as the only penalty it inflicts is to deprive him of the right to visit his lodge or receive Masonic aid, and after one year cannot visit any lodge. Brother Masons are not prohibited from recognizing him as a Mason. It is, in my opinion, not only competent, but the duty of the Grand Lodge to make non-payment of dues a Masonic offence, and attach to it the penalty of suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. Until such rule shall be adopted by the Grand Lodge, non-payment of dues and suspension from membership for that cause, is with us no forfeiture of Masonic rights, and produces no effect upon membership in the Chapter. And I express the hope that action will soon be taken by the Grand Bodies, whereby a brother suspended by his lodge for any cause would be a suspended Mason in fact.”

The constitution was amended by reducing the minimum fee for the capitular degrees from thirty dollars to twenty dollars, on a vote of thirty to nine. We think that this is a step in the wrong direction. We would rather see the fees increased.

A lengthy report was presented on the status of unaffiliated Masons winding up with a proposal to this effect :—

“No Royal Arch Mason who shall remain an unaffiliated Master Mason for the space of one year without making any application for membership or restoration, shall retain his membership in any Subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction.”

This proposition will come up for action next meeting. They have only recently adopted the system of dues in this jurisdiction, and the troubles incident thereto are just beginning to manifest themselves.

M. E. Comp. Nicholas Van Slyck (Providence), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. W. R. Greene (Box 596, Providence), G. S.

SCOTLAND.

Between March, 1884, and March, 1883, charters were granted for three new chapters at Auckland, New Zealand; Valparaiso, Chili; and Wagga, New South Wales.

Some trouble appears to have been caused by the publication of the “Red” an unauthorized ritual, recently issued in Aberdeen. After considerable discussion, a committee was appointed to revise the existing “instructions.” After this had been done the authorized ceremonials for conferring the Royal Arch Degrees were ordered to be issued to all the Chapters. Then a solicitor’s letter came to hand, threatening a suit for infringement of the copyright of the “Red.” This was quietly tabled, it being thought unnecessary to take any notice of it.

It was ruled that a dispensation could not be granted to confer or communicate the secrets of the installed principals degrees on a depute principal.

The Grand Chapter very sensibly resolved in December, 1883, to decline a proposed application for a charter to a Chapter to be held in the Province of Quebec.

Portugal was recognized and representatives exchanged.

The following are the principal officers :—

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF MAR AND KELLIE,	-	<i>First Grand Prin.</i>
SIR MICHAEL R. SHAW STEWART, BART.,	-	<i>Past First Grand Prin.</i>
WILLIAM MANN, S.S.C.,	-	<i>Depute Grand Prin.</i>
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF KINTORE,	-	<i>Second Grand Prin.</i>
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF BREADALBANE,	-	<i>Third Grand Prin.</i>
WILLIAM EDWARDS,	-	<i>Grand Scribe E.</i>
DR. GEORGE DICKSON,	-	<i>Grand Scribe N.</i>

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The 73rd Convocation was held at Charleston, February 12th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. R. C. Watts, G. H. P.

In his address he says :—

“ Since your last annual convocation, nothing has transpired in our jurisdiction affecting the prosperity of Chapter Masonry to which it is desirable to call special attention. As Royal Arch Masonry, in its elementary principles, is eminently conservative, so in practice, ought it to be thus constantly characterized and maintained. A slow growth, a maintenance of the *status quo* with harmony and love and peace, are more to be desired than rapid growth and sudden and radical development—love, peace and harmony are ‘the silver and fine gold’ of our beloved order.”

In the report of the committee on the address, we find the following remarks :—

“ The representative from this Grand Chapter to the tri-annual convocation of the G. G. Chapter of the United States, reports that while Capitular Masonry is growing steadily and securely in the North and Northwestern portions of our country, it is to be regretted that throughout the extreme southern portion, the Order is languishing, owing, doubtless, to the general want of prosperity in this section. It is to be hoped that, with the return of financial growth among us, we shall see a renewed growth in our Order.

The Committee has carefully read all the circulars and other papers bearing upon the question of the infringement of the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, in the establishment of Mark Master Lodges within said jurisdiction, and would hereby approve of the final action of the Grand Z. of said Grand Chapter, in issuing his proclamation suspending all Masonic intercourse with the said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales.”

M. E. Comp. G. D. Bryan (Charleston), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. E. Burke (Charleston), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

The 56th Convocation was held at Nashville, January 26th, 1885.

M. E. Comp. David J. Pierce, G. H. P.

He recommends that the Grand Lecturer be continued for another year, as he has been doing good work, and he thinks that then they might dispense with the office. Most of the Chapters have been very active, and are in an improved condition, thanks to the labors of the Grand Lecturer.

There is nothing in the proceedings requiring any special notice.

The sum of \$300 was voted to continue the service of the Grand Lecturer for another year.

M. E. Comp. William S. Matthews (Memphis) G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. John Frizzell (Nashville), G.S.

TEXAS.

The 35th Convocation was held at Houston, Dec. 9th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. G. W. Foster, G. H. P., reports the formation of five new Chapters, showing that the Royal Craft is making good progress. One of these new Chapters is at El Paso, more than 600 miles from the nearest Chapter. Comp. Foster says they deserve praise for their untiring efforts in erecting a fine hall and establishing a Chapter under many adverse circumstances.

One of the Grand visitors assisted in conferring 239 degrees during the year, and found the companions all anxious to learn the correct work.

Two Chapters were refused representation, as they had not been constituted nor their officers installed. The report of the committee on jurisprudence on this subject is as follows:—

“Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Committee on Credentials as recommends the seating of the officers of the Chapters at Henrietta and Lampasas, which have been chartered at this session of the Grand Chapter, respectfully report:—

That said Chapters have not been constituted, nor have their officers been installed. Therefore they have not actual existence, and the persons named in the Charters are not officers in such sense as entitle them to seats in this Grand Chapter.

The fact that they had previously worked under dispensation adds no additional force to the claim to admission. The dispensation terminated by their own limitation and that required by the constitution, on the assembling of this grand body, and the territory which it had occupied reverted to the nearest Chapter.

The surplus funds were donated to the Grand Lodge to assist in paying off the debt on the Masonic Temple.

M. E. Comp. Haston Twomey (Carthage), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. R. Brewster (Houston), G.S.

VERMONT.

The 67th Convocation was held at Burlington June 13th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. Kittredge Haskins, G.H.P.

The address contains a recommendation to divide the State

into districts, with district deputies to supervise the work of the Chapters, and to hold Chapters of instruction.

Their financial condition is causing some anxiety. Comp. Haskins is of the opinion that a small per capita tax levied upon each of the Chapters would be the least burdensome.

The following decision is reported :—

“ The officers of a Chapter, who shall confer the degrees of the Chapter upon a brother for a less sum than twenty-five dollars, are liable to be dealt with by the Grand Chapter.

1. It is a violation of the provisions of Art. 7 of the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

2. It is in violation of their obligations ; and is a fraud upon the Chapter of which they are officers and members.”

The address concludes with a summary of the dispute in Quebec, in which the opinion is expressed that the Grand Mark Lodge of England has been guilty of an unwarrantable and unlawful invasion of the rights of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

We copy in full the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter :—

“ Your committee, to whom was referred portions of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, beg leave to report :

They have listened with great pleasure to the most able, forcible and learned address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and as in its opening, by its long list of the honored dead, whose labors and merits are faithfully recorded, showing that they still live in memory, because they have lived as all men should live, and closing with bright words of faith for those still living, therefore recommend that memorial pages be set apart to their memory, not to recall them to mind, but as a tribute of respect to their memories.

They recommend that this Grand Chapter enforce the recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest regarding the ritual procured and authenticated by him.

They approve the official acts of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and cordially receive the representatives appointed from Illinois, Maryland and Iowa.

They commend the advisability of visitations to the Subordinate Chapters, and for that of the division into districts, and the appointment of district deputies. They recommend that the M. E. Grand High Priest appoint special deputies to visit the Subordinate Chapters for the ensuing year, according to the following order :

No. 1.—One for Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

2.—One for Addison, Rutland and Bennington Counties.

3.—One for Washington, Lamoille and Orange Counties.

4.—One for Orleans, Caledonia and Essex Counties.

5.—One for Windsor and Windham Counties.

They approve the decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest as being in accordance with the regulations.

The very full and fair exposition of the facts which have caused serious difficulties between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, etc., and the law applicable to the case, commends itself to the judgment of your committee.

While it would be pleasant to pass this subject, with the hope that the erring brethren upon the other side of the water would awake to a realizing sense of the injustice of their course and the unlawful and unmasonic character of their acts, Masonic duty, law and principle demand that this Grand Chapter stand by the Companions in Quebec.

In order that the suggestions of the Grand High Priest may be carried out, and his position upon this subject be made effective, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Vermont, That all fraternal intercourse between this Grand Chapter, its subordinates and members, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, etc., and its subordinates and members be, and the same hereby is, suspended, until such time as the said Grand Lodge shall withdraw its warrants issued to and creating lodges of Mark Master Masons in the Province of Quebec, and cease to exercise any authority within said Province ; and the representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, etc., and the representative of said Grand Lodge near this Grand body, are hereby ordered to return their respective commissions to the Grand Body from which they were received.

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest, as soon as may be, issue an edict of non-intercourse, embodying these resolutions, and promulgate the same.

In conclusion, they feel that the badge of office has been borne the past year in modesty and faithfulness, worthy of the wearer and those who have preceded him in the Grand Sanctuary."

The Finance Committee came to the conclusion that the imposition of a per capita tax was not necessary just yet, as the income of the Grand Chapter will be nearly, if not quite, sufficient to pay all the appropriations recommended by the committee.

Comp. Edward S. Dana, who has been the foreign correspondent for seven years, has retired, and his place is now filled by Comp. F. S. Fisher. Canada for 1883 receives kindly mention. It is his full belief that as liberty is allowed in Masonry we shall reap the benefits of freedom, and that at any rate we should not cultivate the spirit of slavery and oppression.

In his notice of California he says :—

"Companions Affiliation and Objection are doing their utmost to make Masonry a close corporation. We are affiliated with nine, so-called, Masonic bodies, and by office with five grand bodies, yet if we were to retire from membership in them all we should still dare to think and call ourselves a Mason. The Star of Empire is on its course westward, and seems to have fixed its imperialism on the Pacific Coast."

We also like this :—

“Those, we doubt not, are the laws of Missouri, but we think them tough and arbitrary, and unjust in a voluntary institution like our own or like what our system should be. Supposing, to carry out the simile above, that the superstructure is removed, would the foundation then be covered up or the Lodge regard itself as an uncovered and unprotected cellar? Not any Lodge system with which we are acquainted! This simile of a building of many stories, resting upon a Lodge foundation, is weak and wrong, and is never found in Lodge writings. It is assumption, which the Blue Lodge system despises, calling the Chapter, Council and Commandery upper stories of a Masonic edifice. No decent cellar would remove foundation stones of the building without notice to the stories above. It would not be kind, fraternal, and neighborly, yet Lodges do displace their members, and do not consider it necessary to inform the attic of such actions. Our cry is for freedom, liberty, independence in each and all branches of the fraternity. When we are in the attic, do not wish to feel that the cellar may drop out, and when in the basement that the garret may cry out, ‘depart ye!’

M. E. Comp. Kittredge Haskins (Brattleboro), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb (Burlington), G. S.

The 68th Convocation was held at Burlington June 12th, 1885.

M. E. Comp. Kittredge Haskins, G. H. P.

He rejoices at the improved condition of health of Comp. Edward S. Dana, P. G. H. P., in which we heartily join.

He reports having issued an edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Mark Lodge of England, on account of their proceedings in Quebec.

On the condition of the craft he says :—

“Although the amount of work done in the subordinate Chapters has been somewhat less than during the Masonic year immediately preceding this, yet owing to your wise and timely action of one year ago in increasing the amount of dues to be paid on account of members advanced and exalted, together with the fact that the expenses of the Grand Chapter have been slightly diminished, I am happy to be able to report the state of our finances in a healthy condition. I am encouraged by the assurance that several of our subordinate Chapters, which have been nearly if not quite dormant for several years, have fair prospects for making a good showing at the close of the ensuing Masonic year. They seem determined to satisfy us that they have ‘not been dead, but only sleeping.’

This subject has occasioned me no little anxiety and uneasiness. For I have felt that it was due the Grand Chapter, that I should turn it over to my successor in as good, if not a better, condition than I received it.”

Washington and Dakota were recognized.

The proceedings were brief and confined chiefly to local affairs.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Fred. S. Fisher. Our proceedings for 1884 receive due notice, and extracts are given from the address of our Grand First Principal and from our report.

M. E. Comp. Kittredge Haskins (Brattleboro), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb (Burlington), G. S.

VIRGINIA.

The 77th Convocation was held at Lexington October 24th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. W. H. H. Lynn, G. H. P.

The address of the Grand High Priest contains several matters of interest and importance, from which we make the following extracts :

“ A question of Grand Jurisdiction came up, due to a former trouble in a Subordinate Chapter. The facts were these : a Brother had been initiated, passed and raised in a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, but has been absent three years, and two-thirds of that time he has spent in the jurisdiction of the Subordinate Chapter in Virginia, and now has his business and home there, though still retaining membership in the Lodge in which he was raised. Could the Subordinate Chapter receive and act on his petition ? I decided that being a member of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction did not carry with it Capitular Jurisdiction, unless he had remained up to within less than one year in the jurisdiction of the nearest Chapter thereto, but having been one year or more in the jurisdiction of the Subordinate Chapter in Virginia, it had jurisdiction and sole jurisdiction in the case, and directed them to proceed.

I have granted several Dispensations to receive and act on the petitions of Brethren without lying over the usual time, for what I believed good reasons, but I must say, I did it even then with a great degree of reluctance. I can but think that in too many cases in this and in other Grand Jurisdictions, the Chapter is used as a kind of stepping-stone to the Orders of Knights Templar, that the cases of emergency generally are just preceding some Assembly of a Grand Commandery, or Knights Templar display, and that it is the tinsel and glare, the pomp and glory of the Templar, rather than the beautiful and sublime lessons taught in the consecutive degrees of Royal Arch Masonry and the Orders of the Temple that are sought after. I love the Templar degrees for the grand doctrines they inculcate and not for its martial display, and only mention the above as a matter patent and to be deplored, which I think should be avoided as far as possible.

Other troubles I find here, as elsewhere, are the inefficiency of the officers ; the failure of candidates to learn each degree before being advanced, and the disinclination of members to attend regular convocations of Subordinate Chapters. The first and last come from the second to a large extent, for if each degree were mastered, as peremptorily required by the laws of this Grand Chapter, efficient officers would be the result, and I think better attendance secured, as no Companion would, if placed in any position, feel that he would likely display an unwonted ignorance, and

interest in the meetings would be revived, and the Chapters flourish as a green bay tree. At any rate there is no excuse in cities and the larger towns for not holding regular Convocations, and the Companion who can and does not attend, is recreant to his duty. I commend these subjects to the Grand Chapter for their consideration and remedy if possible."

The following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That it is advisable that at each and every meeting of the Grand Chapter, separate from the other Grand Masonic Bodies, an address on the subject of Capitular Masonry, illustrating some tenet or principle, showing its peculiar position in the Masonic school, should be delivered in public or before the Grand Chapter, at the discretion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest."

M. E. Comp. F. H. Hill (Madison C. H.), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Isaacs (Richmond), G. S.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

A Convention of Royal Arch Masons was held at Spokane Falls on June 6th, 1884, at which the preliminary proceedings were taken for the formation of a Grand Chapter for the territory of Washington.

Three Chapters took part in the proceedings, all being under charters from the General Grand Chapter. The fourth Chapter in the territory was working under dispensation.

A constitution was adopted, officers elected, and it was ordered that the endorsement of the General Grand High Priest should be requested. The following resolution was then passed :—

Resolved, That this Convention, having now completed the necessary work of preliminary organization for a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for Washington Territory, when it adjourns it shall adjourn to meet subject to the call of the Grand High Priest elect, upon his receiving such response from the General Grand High Priest as shall make it advisable to call the Convention together."

The convention re-assembled at Walla Walla, October 2nd, 1884.

The approval and consent of the General Grand High Priest was read, the officers duly installed, and the new body formally constituted by a special deputy.

The following resolutions and report were adopted :—

Resolved, That charters from this Grand Chapter be issued as soon as practicable to the three existing Chapters in this territory, viz. : Walla Walla No. 1, Spokane No. 2, and Seattle No. 3, and that said Chapters be requested to surrender the charters now held by them to this Grand Chapter, immediately upon receipt of their new charters."

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify Walla Walla Chapter, No. 1, Spokane Chapter, No. 2, Seattle Chapter, No. 3, and

Tacoma Chapter, U. D., of the organization of this Grand Chapter, and request said Chapters to make returns and pay their dues to the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, up to October 2nd, 1884, and thereafter to report and pay their dues to the Grand Chapter of Washington."

M. E. Comp. Louis Ziegler, G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Thomas M. Reed, G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The 13th Convocation was held at Wheeling, Nov. 12th, 1883.

M. E. Comp. Gustave Brown, G. H. P., states that nothing has transpired to mar the peace and harmony of the Order, and that no question had arisen calling for action on his part. He formed one new Chapter.

The Grand Lecturer reported orally that he had visited several of the Subordinate Chapters in the jurisdiction and had imparted instruction in the unwritten work, and that in most of the Chapters from which he had been able to receive information the work is creditably done. There is a lack of suitable paraphernalia in many places, but this is being remedied, year after year, as rapidly as the finances of the several Chapters will justify the outlay, and, upon the whole, there has been an improvement in the working of the ritual during the past year.

The amendment of Constitution proposed by the Committee on Jurisprudence at the Annual Convocation in 1882 was then taken up for action. The amendment proposed was in the following words :

"All members of Royal Arch Chapters in this jurisdiction must be members in good standing of some just and legally constituted lodge of Master Masons."

After protracted and interesting discussion a vote of the Grand Chapter was taken, the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present being necessary to the adoption of the amendment. The vote resulted in twenty-five for the resolution and fifteen against; so the proposed amendment was declared rejected.

Companion Flick moved that a special committee of five be appointed to consider the whole subject embraced in the resolution which had been rejected, and propose a form of amendment which would accomplish the object proposed and be free from the objections urged against the resolution.

The motion prevailed, and Companions Summers, Walker,

Freeman, Brown and Grantham were appointed to serve as such special committee.

We have already stated our belief that membership in a lodge is not necessary to good standing in a Chapter, and we have not seen or heard any good reason why a Royal Arch Mason should be forced to pay dues to a lodge in order to preserve his standing in his Chapter. We also think that in places where the Chapters are in any respects weak, or in need of all the help and assistance that they can obtain, it would surely be unwise to legislate so as to put another barrier in the way of obtaining or continuing membership in them. The lodges are in general quite able to take care of themselves. Our care, as Royal Arch Masons should be to try to strengthen the Chapters and to throw no unreasonable impediment in the way to decrease their membership.

The 14th Convocation was held at Wheeling November 10th, 1884.

M. E. Comp. J. A. Miller, G. H. P.

He reports one new Chapter—a measure of prosperity—some work done in nearly all the Chapters, and that, on the whole, the Order is in a healthier condition, both financially and numerically.

On the disastrous flood he says :—

“In the month of February a great flood in the Ohio River—unparalleled in history—swept over our borders, carrying devastation and ruin in its course. Many thousands of people were thus rendered utterly destitute, but thanks to the great sympathetic heart of humanity—help came almost as swift as the flood; the sufferers were relieved temporarily by their near neighbors, and further assisted by contributions of generous people from all over our country and even from foreign lands.

In this great cause of charity I am proud to say that Masonry and Masons did their duty. Whilst an all-wise Jehovah thus scourged a portion of his people, he wakened in them a feeling of profound gratefulness by causing the hearts and minds of others to expand and glow into active benevolence and fraternal sympathy.

I did not issue an appeal to Chapter Masons for assistance, believing such action unnecessary. I have no knowledge of the property of any Chapter being damaged by the flood, or that any Royal Arch Masons suffered loss without receiving aid, if it were known that he needed it.”

On the subjects of reciprocity lodge membership and the order of High Priesthood, action was taken as follows :—

“*Resolved*, That permission is hereby granted to Royal Arch Chapters in the State of Maryland to receive the petitions of Master Masons residing within this Grand Jurisdiction when the residence of the petitioner is nearer to the Chapter in Maryland to which the petition is presented than to a Royal Arch Chapter in West Virginia.”

The Constitutional amendment proposed at the Annual Convocation in 1883, providing that members of Royal Arch Chapters must remain affiliated Master Masons in order to retain membership in any of the several Chapters in this State, was then taken up. After short discussion a vote was taken which resulted in the almost unanimous rejection of the proposed amendment.

Referring to the mention made of the Order of High Priesthood by the Grand High Priest in his address and to the allusion to the same subject by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, there was a somewhat desultory and informal discussion of the subject participated in by various members of the Grand Chapter. The general sentiment of the Grand Chapter seemed to be that it was desirable that every High Priest elect should be invested with the degree before entering upon the duties of his office, but that, owing to the remoteness of the Chapters from each other and the difficulty of convening a sufficient number of High Priests duly invested with the degree and empowered to confer it, it was inexpedient for the Grand Chapter to legislate upon the subject in such manner as to make the possession of the degree a necessary part of the qualifications of a High Priest. Several motions were made and subsequently withdrawn and finally the whole subject was indefinitely postponed."

M. E. Comp. Andrew J. Stone (Fairmont), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. O. S. Long (Wheeling), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

The 35th Convocation was held at Madison February 17th, 1885.

M. E. Comp. Edwin J. Farr, G. H. P.

A new Chapter was formed at Whitewater.

They are enjoying peace and prosperity. An increased interest is manifested and a greater familiarity with the new ritual among the younger Companions.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer, Comp. Melvin L. Youngs, we find the following plain truths and good advice, worthy of all attention :—

"While our stronger and apparently more flourishing Chapters are doing some work, yet, as a rule, the complaint from nearly all is that it is more difficult to get out a good attendance and to keep up an interest among the members than in any other of the Masonic Bodies. The officers of such are as a whole getting more proficient in the ritual adopted and are qualified to do their work in good shape, and in a manner interesting and instructive to all, yet the moral support of a majority of the membership is wanting. There may be other causes and other good reasons why this is so, but to a careful observer the chief cause is found in the fact that the Chapter is made by too many a mere stepping stone to the so called higher degrees. The more gorgeous display of the Knights Templar has obscured their view and blinded their minds to the sublime teachings of Capitular Masonry, and the unostentatious ceremonies of the Chapter. This is no idle story, nor is this sad condition confined alone to our jurisdiction.

From almost every other we hear the same refrain, and from most of them the same cause is ascribed. Symbolic Masonry, genuine Masonry, is strictly cosmopolitan, uniting in one common brotherhood men of every country, sect and opinion; it recognizes no creed or distinctive form of religion, save only a belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and Royal Arch Masonry is but an elaboration of this theme. It is the commentary upon, or the more full elucidation of the ideas for which Symbolic Masonry furnishes the text. Being founded upon the same principles, Royal Arch Masonry was by the old English constitutions recognized as a part of Ancient Craft Masonry. It alone, of all the so-called higher degrees, can justly claim the title of Mason. Certainly an organization which requires its votaries to subscribe to any religious creed or dogma, or to be the supporters and defenders of any particular religious belief, cannot claim to be Masonic, no matter what other qualifications they may require of their initiates. Their teachings in other respects may be grand and sublime, and their ceremonies impressive, yet ignoring the one distinctive feature of Free Masonry, they should not be looked upon as an integral portion of it. While giving them credit for all their excellencies and for the good they have accomplished, we should not make them the goal of our ambition, nor look upon a membership in them as the highest of our Masonic attainments. The lodge and the Chapter must be sustained, or these other Orders will in time be forced to make a radical change in their qualifications for membership, if they would preserve their present *clat*. If stepping stones, they must be well cared for and carefully preserved."

The new Grand Chapter of Washington Territory was recognized.

Their Constitution now provides that no Chapter shall confer the Chapter degrees upon any Mason who cannot comply with the ceremonies of Royal Arch Masonry.

Comp. William C. Swain presented his second Report on Correspondence. He thinks Chapters should leave the burial of a Mason entirely to the Lodge. So do we.

Canada for 1884 receives kindly mention. Comp. Swain is on the right side in believing that a non-affiliated Mason should be allowed to retain his Chapter standing so long as he behaves himself, and complies with the Chapter requirements.

We are extremely sorry to learn that Comp. Cottrill has had a long and serious illness. He has our sincerest sympathy. We have the most kindly remembrances of our former *confrere*.

M. E. Comp. Edwin J. Farr (Eau Claire), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. John W. Laffin (Milwaukee), G.S.

The following proceedings were received too late to put them in their proper alphabetical order :—

CALIFORNIA.

The 31st Convocation was held at San Francisco, April 28th, 1885.

M. E. Comp. Jonathan D. Hines, G.H.P.

The opening paragraphs of his address are as follows :—

“ With a grateful appreciation of the honor and responsibility conferred upon me by the Grand Chapter, I assumed the robes of this high office with a full determination to devote my time and energy to the efficient and faithful discharge of every duty. But the year has passed, and I am compelled to admit that I have done next to nothing. The exalted character and peculiar fitness of those devoted and able officers who have preceded me—the consummate skill and executive ability of him who is at once Grand Secretary and Grand Overseer of the work ; but, more than all, the solid worth and substantial character of the material composing the several subordinate Chapters, have happily and harmoniously united in establishing Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction upon a basis so solid, and placing it in such perfect working order, as to render the services of a Grand High Priest of secondary importance.

From personal observation, and the reports which have reached me from all parts of the jurisdiction, I am enabled to congratulate the Grand Chapter upon the satisfactory and healthful condition of the Royal Craft. Very few questions have arisen to disturb the general harmony, and the Chapters are, with few exceptions, working up to the ritual and transacting their business in accordance with the requirements of the constitution and regulations. In some few cases this pleasing view has not been sustained. Individual instances are not wanting where, from exciting local causes, and the unbridled license of violent passion, temporary discord and confusion have disturbed harmonious relations ; but a little timely advice and some cool reflection have usually proven sufficient to dissipate the clouds of anger, leaving their skies more clear and bright than before.”

Three new Chapters were formed during the year.

After the address of the Grand High Priest is the Report of the Grand Secretary, from which we learn that the net increase in membership during the year has been 133.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows the assets of the Grand Chapter to be \$23,023.28.

Next in order is the Report of the Committee on Correspondence by Comp. Thomas H. Caswell, the Grand Secretary. Canada for 1884 receives due notice. He thinks that Comp. Gurney of Illinois is more than half right in saying that there is no degree of Masonry beyond the Symbolic Lodge.

The law in California as to Chapter membership is thus stated :—

“ We do not require that a man must absolutely be a member of some lodge in order to render him eligible to the capitular degrees or to retain membership in the chapter if already a member ; but we do insist that he shall be a Master Mason in good standing in either case, and in order to fill this requirement, he must, within a period of six months after having fixed his residence within the jurisdiction of a lodge (if unaffiliated), make application for affiliation. The fact of having applied places him in good standing for six months, during which time, even if rejected by the lodge, he may apply for degrees or retain his membership in the Chapter. The idea being that it is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some lodge, when a brother applies for membership and is rejected, he has done his duty so far as his own personal efforts go, in his attempt to comply with the law, and can wait six months before making another application.”

The new Grand Chapters of Washington Territory and Dakota were recognized.

M. E. Comp. Edward Coleman (Grass Valley), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Thomas H. Caswell (San Francisco), G.S.

CONNECTICUT.

The 87th Convocation was held at New Haven, May 12th, 1885.

M. E. Comp. Chester Tilden, G.H.P.

The past year has been one of prosperity. The exaltations have equalled those of former years and the financial condition shows a marked improvement. No discord has arisen, and harmony, zeal and fidelity prevail.

The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted :—

“ *Resolved*, That every chapter within this jurisdiction shall hold an election of officers once in each year, and any Royal Arch Mason in good standing shall be eligible to any office of the Chapter of which he may be a member ; and it shall be the duty of the secretary of each Chapter, within ten days after such election, to transmit to the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary the names of the officers elected.

A committee was appointed at the previous session to adopt a new ritual. At this session, they reported that they had given the subject due consideration, and came to the conclu-

sion that the whole matter should be indefinitely postponed and the committee discharged, which was accordingly done.

The new Grand Chapters of Washington Territory and Dakota were recognized.

In this Grand Chapter, they have a Committee on Delinquencies, who reported that as every Chapter on the roll was represented at this Convocation, they had no business to report.

Canada for 1884 appears in the Report on Correspondence by John H. Barlow.

From this report we learn that in Connecticut it is quite common for Masons and other secret orders to occupy a hall jointly, as a matter of convenience and economy. In most of the other secret societies will be found a fair sprinkling of Freemasons, and a Mason who belongs to several secret societies pays his proportion of all the expenses of rent, taxes, fuel, light, etc., and it would certainly be more economical and convenient if all these societies were to meet in the same hall. Is there any reason, beyond a sentimental one, why they should not thus meet? For our part, we can see none. The paraphernalia used by each body can easily be kept separate. Then, is the sentimental exclusiveness sufficient to outweigh the material considerations of convenience and economy? This matter deserves serious consideration.

M. E. Comp. James McCormick (Hartford), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler (Hartford), G.S.

CONCLUSION.

At the request of our Grand Scribe E., this report is closed a month earlier than usual, in order that it may be printed in advance of the meeting of the Grand Chapter. This will account for the brief notices of some of the sister Grand Chapters, and the absence of some additional comments, and also for the non-appearance of reviews of the proceedings of those Grand Chapters which have not reached us at the time of closing this report.

The proceedings which have been received and reviewed in this report are those of the following Grand Chapters :

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Dakota.....	1885	North Carolina.....	1884
Dist. Columbia.....	1884	Ohio.....	1884
Florida.....	1885	Pennsylvania.....	1884
Illinois.....	1884	Quebec.....	1885
Indiana.....	1884	Rhode Island.....	1884
Iowa.....	1884	South Carolina.....	1884
Kentucky.....	1884	Tennessee.....	1885
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Michigan.....	1885	West Virginia.....	1883-4
Minnesota.....	1883-4	Wisconsin.....	1885
Mississippi.....	1884		

Those which have not been received are : Delaware, 1885 ; Georgia, 1885 ; Kansas, 1885 ; Nevada, 1884 ; Nova Scotia, 1882.3-4 ; Oregon, 1884.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO, CANADA,
June 5th, 1885.

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